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Progress of the Bombardment of Paris—The Object of It—A Crisis Approaching—French Attack Upon a German Town—Illness of Bismarck.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—A special correspondent at Versailles writes on the 3d as follows: The bombardment of the forts on the north-east of Paris continues vigorously and uninterruptedly. The return fire is weak, especially from Rosny and Nogent; and the destruction of the forts continues. It is believed that the attack is intended to prevent a sortie from that side, and is only preliminary to a general bombardment.

A CRISIS APPROACHING.

Events are evidently pressing toward a climax. Information here leads to the belief that CHANZY is making a desperate effort to advance on Paris via Chartres.

FRENCH FAILURE PREDICTED.

The Paris correspondent of the London Times thinks the further resistance of Paris will be brief, and that food will fail before the end of the present month.

DISCONTENT IN THE GOVERNMENT.

Reports from Paris state that serious quarrels exist between the members of the Government; and also that deep resentment is expressed against some of the acts of the delegates at Bordeaux.

FRENCH ARMS FROM PRUSSIA.

Considerable excitement has been created here at the exposure of the fact that the manufacturers of Solingen have been as active as the English manufacturers in supplying arms to the French. [Solingen is a town of Rhenish Prussia, fourteen miles east-south-east of Dusseldorf. It contains about 8,000 inhabitants, who are all engaged in the manufacture of swords, bayonets and cutlery.]

ILLNESS OF BISMARCK.

BISMARCK has been confined to bed for the past few days with a bad cold. He is now recovering.

GERMAN DISPATCHES.

VERSAILLES, Jan. 5.—A heavy fog prevailed all day yesterday, and prevented an attack on the forts.

Gen. VON GOEBEN has dispersed FAIDHERBE's army.

The reports that Gen. DE CHEUZY is advancing are confirmed.

JULES FAVRE refuses to leave Paris.

STARVATION.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—A letter from an American in Paris, dated Dec. 12, says the French will not come into that Chinese arrangement. The worse their disaster, the more determined they seem. I think that bombardment is now out of the question. We are to be starved out, and in that way it will take some weeks yet for the Prussians to get possession of the city.

A Battle Near Havre—The Result Unknown—Faidherbe's Victory Confirmed—Miscellaneous.

HAVRE, Jan. 4—Evening.—The Prussians, in force, attacked the French on the left bank of the Seine today. The result is not yet known. No particulars of the battle have come in.

THE FIGHT NEAR ARRAS.

LILLE, Jan. 4.—The battle fought by the Army of the North, on the 3d inst., resulted in a great victory for our arms. Gen. FAIDHERBE reports that the fighting lasted ten hours, and that he expelled the Prussians from all their positions and occupied the villages held by them in the morning. The losses on both sides were heavy. The villages of Bapaume and Debarguies were totally destroyed.

RAILWAY TRAVEL RESTORED.

Railway travel between Lille and Cambrai has been restored.

HEROIC RESISTANCE.

The fortress of Péronne, in the Department of the Somme, has been nearly destroyed by the bombardment which commenced last week, but still holds out.

A GARIBALDIAN SKIRMISH.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Garibaldians claim a victory in a skirmish at Maultay, on the 2d, over 800 Germans.

LYONS.

LYONS, Jan. 4.—Col. TRAFFOT has been authorized to form a corps of 12,000 men of all arms.

PARIS.

Extract from a Private Letter by Balloon—What the People Eat.

The following letter, written by a lady in Paris, was forwarded by balloon beyond the German lines, and has just been received in this City:

PARIS, Dec. 12, 1870.

We are not starving, although on limited rations, but we cannot have our wish. We have flour, wine, cheese, &c., enough for several months, and I have no doubt many more things may be brought to light, hid away in caves. My grocer had several thousand hams hid away, not to be sold until they would command 100f. each. There are thousands of grocers who have sausages, beef, butter, lard, pork, &c., in the same way. Wine was never so cheap. Flour has not risen, it being twelve sous a pound. People are certainly eating rats and cats; but rats, the gentlemen tell me, are better than rabbit—in fact between rabbit and squirrel. Cats have always been eaten in Paris, and are better than rabbit. I can no meat whatever, for since I have seen those fearful wounds at the Ambulance I cannot touch meat. Luckily I found a lot of corn, succotash, cranberries and oysters, also honey and Bourbon whisky, so I get along very well. The confectioners' shops are full of cakes and pies. There are apples and pears in plenty, so that when you hear starvation cry, there is no need, only fresh meat cannot be had every day; in turn they give us codfish, herrings, pork, &c. I have cream every day for my tea; only we have to pay double for everything except the rations. There are plenty of cabs and omnibuses running; so there are plenty of horses yet. The city is perfectly quiet, and you would suppose the French had always lived in a republic. We hear of no robberies or outrages. I hope they will send our ambulance a part, at least, of the Fair money. We need it. I have a bad cold from sitting up with the wounded the night of the last battle. My head, and I much fear chest too, (which are well heated,) through the snow-storm, and of course, was laid up. We are having very bad weather. The streets are all ice and snow—so dense out; and, although we have four, and I do not know how many carriages, we have to go on foot. I drive twice a day generally, for, when the store is up, we give up our establishments. We are getting almost in poverty, and unless in use, fear they might be seized for food. They say when they are pinched, they shall seize everything, even those belonging to the Legations.

AUSTRIA AND PRUSSIA.

Von Beust's Reply to Bismarck's Note on Germany—Austrian Disinclination to Discuss the Treaty of Prague—Restoration of the German Empire Gratifying to Austria—Prussian Friendship for Austria.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—Baron VON BEUST, in his reply to the dispatch of Count BISMARCK, notifying the Cabinet at Vienna of the completion of German unity, and expressing the hope that good relations established between the two countries by the Treaty of Prague will continue, acknowledges the sentiment of gratification with which the Austrian Government notices the Chancellor's friendly allusions to the treaty, but he prefers not to enter at the present moment on a formal discussion of the features of that compact. The Baron passes to the consideration of the restoration of the German Empire, and takes the stand-point that the unity of Germany accomplished under the leadership of Prussia is an act of historical significance and of paramount importance. He affirms that the restoration of the German Empire is not only received with satisfaction by the people of Austria, but is personally gratifying to the Emperor FRANCIS JOSEPH. Austria, he continues, sincerely wishes to cultivate the friendship of Germany. This would be a pledge of enduring union and lasting peace. The glorious history of the Hapsburgs, linked with the history of Germany, will be remembered by the Emperor only with feelings of the warmest sympathy and with the best wishes for the future of the German nation.

AMITY.

BERLIN, Jan. 5.—The *Provincial Correspondent* in a leading article expresses the warmest feelings of amity for Austria.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

The Alabama Claims—Spurious New Paris—Russia Becoming Interested—The London Times Anxious for a Settlement—The Eastern Question—Turkey and Egypt.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—It is rumored that a Prussian courier has been captured by the French-Tirailleurs, near the Belgian frontier, and that on his person were found dispatches urging the United States to press the *Alabama* claims. The report is hardly credited here. The London *Times* of this morning has an article on the *Alabama* claims question, in which it says: "England only desires, by fair concessions and a frank allowance, to bring about the settlement of this foolish quarrel, which alienates two great nations allied by blood and sympathy."

JULES FAVRE AND THE CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—JULES FAVRE has informed Count BISMARCK, through the medium of Mr. WASHBURNE, the American Minister, that he knows nothing of the European Conference, and will not leave Paris to attend it.

ANOTHER VERSION.

The *Times* says that WASHBURNE, at BISMARCK'S request, informed JULES FAVRE that a safe conduct would be granted to FAVRE to enable him to attend the London Conference. FAVRE replied that he knew nothing of the Conference, and that he would not leave Paris.

THE SULTAN AND THE KHEDIVE.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 4.—The Porte contradicts the report of serious difficulties with the Viceroy of Egypt.

THE FIRST ATTACK ON GEN. SCHENCK.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The *Times* says that Gen. SCHENCK, representing the best and most honorable section of the dominant party in the United States, is one of the most useful Representatives that America could send, and hopes for a settlement without compromising England's honor, that will satisfy the legitimate claims of the United States in respect to the *Alabama* claims and other national irritabilities now eliminated, after which only international interests remain.

The New Spanish Ministry—The Austrian Financial Difficulties—Mr. Gladstone and the Pope—Arrival of the United States Steamer Guerriere at Lisbon.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The New Spanish Cabinet has been completed as follows:

SERRANO, President of the Council.
MARTOS, Minister of Foreign Affairs.
MONTERO RIOS, Minister of Justice.
BERANGER, Minister of Marine.
SAGASTA, Minister of the Interior.
ULLOA, Minister of Public Works.
AYALA, Minister of the Colonies.

AUSTRIAN FINANCES.

LONGAY soon returns to Vienna, having arranged the financial difficulties.

MR. GLADSTONE AND THE POPE.

The Presbytery of Belfast, Ireland, have denounced Mr. GLADSTONE for the interest displayed by him in the welfare of the Pope.

THE GUERRIERE AT LISBON.

Surgeon WALES, of the United States steam frigate *Guerriere*, notifies the London agency of the New-York Associated Press of the arrival of that vessel at Lisbon yesterday. All well on board. The *Guerriere* was last from New-York, and joins the European Squadron.

Assault on President Grant's Brother.

From the Chicago Tribune, Jan. 4.

Mr. ORVILLE GRANT, brother of the President, was assaulted and robbed on Clark-street, near Washington, at an early hour yesterday morning. He and some friends had been into the restaurant of Mr. ATWOOD, near Hooley's Opera-house, and partaken of some oysters. Complaining of feeling unwell soon after, Mr. ATWOOD told him he had better go out and get some fresh air. When but a few yards from the door of the restaurant, some unknown person struck him on the nose and he fell. Several of his friends, who found him lying on the sidewalk, carried him to the Dearborn Theatre saloon, where his face was washed, and the gash on his nose ascertained to be only flesh deep. When he reached his house he found that his watch and revolver had been stolen. The statement in a morning paper that Mr. ATWOOD struck him, is incorrect. Mr. ATWOOD not knowing anything about the matter for an hour after its occurrence. As Mr. ATWOOD was the last person seen by Mr. GRANT, he no doubt associated him with his assailant, and hence made the statement that Mr. ATWOOD knocked him down.

GENERAL TELEGRAMS.

THE WEST.

The Cincinnati Boot and Shoe Trade Difficulty—Appointment of the Cincinnati Times—Reported Poisoning of Bell, of Red River Notoriety—Breach of Promise.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 5.—Some of the morning newspapers, having given currency to a report that the wholesale shoe-dealers of the city had combined to reduce the wages and control the labor of traveling salesmen, the dealers today issued a card denying the story, and saying it had no foundation in fact. The report, however, caused considerable excitement among salesmen generally, and a meeting of employes was contemplated. About a month ago a Boot and Shoe Dealers' Association was formed, having for its objects the reduction of freights and the regulation of matters of general interest. This circumstance, and the further one that a few salesmen have since been thrown out of employment, were the materials out of which the reporters made the story that caused so much commotion. The dealers say that the reduction or the regulation of salaries was never broached in any meeting of the Association....According to the returns made to the Probate Court today, the press, machinery, type, &c., of the Cincinnati *Daily Times* were appraised at $60,000, and the good-will at $140,000....The funeral of the late H. V. HORTON, Grand Scribe, Sons of Temperance, which took place today, was numerously attended. All the Sons of Temperance Societies participated.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 5.—The house of Mrs. DREW, a widow, at Plainview, was destroyed by fire on Friday night. Her baby perished in the flames, and the mother was fatally injured....A rumor is afoot that BELL, of Red River notoriety, has been poisoned.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 5.—The celebrated case of FREDERICA RIBEL, a girl of twenty-one years, against ROBERT BARNES, of this city, seventy-two years old, worth $600,000, for breach of promise and seduction, damages laid at $50,000, was concluded at 11 o'clock last night, at Princeton, the jury rendering a verdict for the defendant. The trial lasted for five days, and was of a most sensational character.

Representation of Mr. Merrill in Maine for the United States Senate—A Heavy Rebel Raid.

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 5.—In the Republican caucus to-night Hon. LOT M. MORRILL was nominated for United States Senator by a vote of 105, to 24 for Gen. J. L. CHAMBERLAIN, and 1 for Collector WASHBURN, of Portland. Mr. MORRILL's nomination was made unanimous.

HARTFORD, Jan. 5.—Hon. S. W. KELLOGG, member of Congress from the Second District, has commenced a libel suit against Dr. J. J. JACQUES, of Waterbury, claiming $20,000 damages. Mr. KELLOGG charges JACQUES with the authorship of various slanderous letters concerning him, which have been published from time to time in different journals.

The Home Insurance Company—Another Meeting.

NEW-HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 5.—At an adjourned meeting of the Home Insurance Company to-day, it appeared that the reinsurance fund had been made up; but it also appeared certain that the new capital stock would not be subscribed. The losses of the Company in December were very heavy. The whole matter was referred back to the Directors, with authority to take discretionary action for the safety of the creditors. This will probably lead to an assignment. The policy holders in the Company will probably surrender their policies, and insure elsewhere for self-protection.

THE EAST.

Congressional Nominations in New-Hampshire—State Politics—Work at the Portsmouth Navy-Yard.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 5.—At the Third District Congressional Convention, held at Lebanon this afternoon, Gen. SIMON G. GRIFFIN, of Keene, received the nomination on the first ballot, having 142 out of 228 votes.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Jan. 5.—The nomination of PIKE for Governor is well received here, and it is thought probable that he will receive the temperance nomination also. The Democrats of this section will urge the nomination of ALBERT R. HATCH, of this city, for Governor.... Workmen are being taken in at the Navy-yard again, and it is said that a large force is to be employed.

The Great Western Telegraph Company—Suit for a Receiver.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 5.—Chief-Justice WILLIAMS, of the Circuit Court of this city, has been engaged since Wednesday in the case of ZERWILLIGERS & Co. vs. The Great Western Telegraph Company, in which the complainants sue for a receiver.

It will occupy the Court for the rest of the week. Among the depositions read was that of JOSIAH SNOW, Secretary and Treasurer of the Company, and also one of the principal originators of the enterprise, in which it is shown that three out of the five of the corporators of the Company owned only one share of the stock each. The valuation, which was $25 per share, and on which, up to the present time, no payment has been received by the Company Mr. SNOW subscribed for 2,000 shares and assigned the whole to SELLAH REEVES, the contractor for building the lines, before making any payment on the stock. SELLAH REEVES took the balance of the stock of the Company, 117,997 shares, as the basis for his contract, but never directly paid in money on his subscription, and afterward executed the first deed of the same to SNOW. The names of prominent business men in the city were advertised as Directors of the Company on circulars, the majority of whom, according to Mr. SNOW's testimony, did not own $1 of the stock, nor subscribe therefor; and of the few who did subscribe, but a small number ever paid up their assessments.

SELLAH REEVES, the contractor, deposed that no books showing disbursements were made by him, but that he made out his bill for work done from time to time, and handed it to the Company. Up to the 1st of January, 1870, $136,550 92 had been expended by the Company, through the contractor, for the completion of about 450 miles of line.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

The Chinese Testimony Case—A Remarkable Character.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—The case of the People against BRADY, on which the Supreme Court, yesterday, decided against the validity of the Fifteenth Amendment, will be taken immediately to the Supreme Court of the United States on a writ of error.

SANGUINETTI, alias the "Gutter Snipe," who became crazed on the failure of ADAMS & Co., fifteen years ago, and who has since lived on refuse picked up in the streets, and sleeping under the bushes on Loue Mountain ever since—one of the most noted characters of San Francisco—was sent to the Insane Asylum today.

Death of a Seducer at the Hand of His Victim's Brother—Another Fatal Shooting Case—Chinese Testimony in the California Courts—Made Land in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—MURPHY, the seducer, died from his wound last night....C. A. FLEWELLYN, clerk in a hotel at Gilroy, was shot, it is supposed fatally, by B. ROBINSON, the railroad agent, yesterday. FLEWELLYN had charged ROBINSON with being a defaulter. ....The California Supreme Court yesterday, in the case of The People vs. BRADY, reversed the decision of the lower Court and ordered a new trial, on the ground that the defendant was convicted on Chinese testimony, under the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments. The Court holds that the amendments cannot affect, and do not abrogate or annul, a State law regulating the practice in the Courts of law. Judge RHODES, Democrat, alone dissents. The opinion covers 100 pages folio....WILLIAM COLEMAN resigned the Presidency of the Merchants' Exchange Bank today, at the request of the Directors, and LEVI STEVENS was elected to the place.... The sales of the made lands on San Francisco Bay, forfeited by the first purchasers, were resumed today, and realized from 50 to 75 per cent of the original purchase money. The weather continues dry, and there is great anxiety for rain throughout the State.

BONDED GOODS.

Difficulties Encountered by Transportation Companies—Proposed Modification of the Regulations.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—The following correspondence has taken place in reference to the transportation of goods in bond:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29, 1870.

Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell, Secretary of the Treasury:

DEAR SIR: Permit me to direct your attention to the rules and regulations issued by you under the direct importation act of July 14, 1870. Transportation companies complain that, under the regulations of the Treasury Department, dated Oct. 3, 1870, they are prevented from carrying any other goods in a car containing bonded goods, though the latter may occupy never so small a space. Thus in consequence of this rule, they cannot afford to carry bonded goods at all, and the practical effect of the law is defeated. If such is their construction to be placed on the said regulations, I beg leave to suggest a modification, so as to permit, at least, through freights to be carried in the same car, between the same terminal points, believing that such modification could entail no additional risk whatever upon the Government. The transportation companies seem to be under the impression also, that they are to be burdened with numerous inspectors upon cars, vessels and along their route, the expense of which under the law, would devolve upon them. The rules and regulations, so far as I can see, do not indicate to what extent the Treasury Department expects to make use of that power. It has also been claimed that the Treasury Department requires iron cars to be constructed for the purpose of carrying bonded goods under this law, of which, however, I find no mention in the printed rules. Desiring to do my duty, I have to remove real or supposed difficulties in the way of a practical operation of the law, I have the honor to remain, very respectfully,

(Signed.) G. A. FINKELNBURG.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Jan. 4, 1871.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 29th ult., in which you direct my attention to the rules and regulations issued by the Treasury Department, as required by the transportation act of July 14, 1870, in that letter you call my attention to two features in the regulations, which you regard as difficulties in the way of the practical operations of the law. The first of these is that under the regulations transportation companies are prevented from carrying any goods in a car containing the bonded goods, though the latter may occupy ever so small a space, and you suggest such a modification as will permit other freights to be carried between the same terminal points in the same car, with the bonded goods. Should the business between the ports of first arrival and ports of entry named in this act of July 14, 1870, be as large as is anticipated by me, the difficulties arising from the regulations to which you call my attention will be of infrequent occurrence only, and I believe that a careful examination will satisfy you the proposition as presented in your letter would increase materially the risk to the Government. Acting upon your suggestion I have, however, ascertained the size of the doors of the box-cars ordinarily used in the country, and find that they are sufficiently large to receive a car or car which may be five feet in height, five feet in width, and about seven feet in length. The suggestion I make is that railroad companies which may enter into bonds for the transportation of goods, under the act of July 14, 1870, shall provide themselves with a sufficient number of cars as large as can be conveniently placed in an ordinary box car, and that these smaller cars should be made of iron, and so arranged as to allow the use of the Treasury lock, the larger to be placed under the lock also. Such an arrangement, I think, will answer all the purposes of the Government, and enable the railroads to transport small quantities of goods when the quantity offered is insufficient for the freight of a large car, and this without much additional cost to the railroads. I should this plan appear to be satisfactory, I am prepared to modify the regulations accordingly. You state, secondly, that the transportation companies seem to be under the impression also, that they are to be burdened with numerous inspectors upon the cars and vessels along their route, the expense of which, under the law, would devolve upon them. It is true that the regulations provide for the appointment of inspectors at stations along the route and upon the trains, but it is not anticipated by the Department that, in ordinary cases, such inspectors will be needed. It is presumed that goods deposited in the cars at New-York for example, will be transported to the place of destination without any other supervision than that which the transportation companies furnish; but it was thought prudent to reserve to the Government the right to appoint inspectors that, in extraordinary or unusual cases, where the risk might be great, or there might be reason to suspect fraud, the Government should be able to protect its interests. It is not anticipated that the burden of this regulation will interfere in the least with the business of the country. You also state it has been claimed that the Treasury Department requires iron cars to be constructed for the purpose of carrying bonded goods under the law, and you add, "of which, however, I find no mention in the printed regulations." This latter statement, or apprehension, is without any foundation whatever. The Department expects that the railway companies will use for the present, at the least, ordinary box cars in good order. Assuming that your letter contains, as I believe it does, a full statement of all the objections which can be urged against the existing regulations, it is clear that there is in them, when modified as proposed, no serious difficulty in the way of business contemplated by the act of July 14, 1870. Very respectfully,

GEO. S. BOUTWELL, Secretary.

Weather in Summit County.

SUMMIT MOUND, WASHINGTON, Jan. 5—7 P. M.—Barometer 29.[illegible], being a change since last report of minus .[illegible]. Thermometer 14° above zero, being a change since last report of plus 27°. Relative humidity, .63. Wind, south. Velocity of wind, forty-two miles per hour. Weather mild and clear.

BANGOR, Me., Jan. 5.—Thermometer this morning 17° below zero at this city; 31° below at Winn and 26° at Lincoln. At this time, (10½ P. M.) it is 36° above in this city. Rain fell this afternoon.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 5.—Early this morning a fire broke out in the third story of TALCOTT & POST's building, and burned through two floors. A few hundred dollars will cover the damage to the building, but GAY & HASKINGS, dry-goods dealers on the first floor, suffer serious loss, as the whole of their stock was drenched with water. The property is fully insured.

READING, Penn., Jan. 5.—REID, MILLER & Co.'s hat factory was burned this morning. The loss is $15,000.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—The failure of ROSS & GOSSAGE, a heavy retail dry-goods firm, on State-street, is reported. Payment stopped Saturday. The amount of claims outstanding is $20,000, on which the firm offer fifty cents on the dollar.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 5.—Mr. ROWELL, of the firm of ROWELL & BUTTERFIELD, of Haverhill, Mass., was arrested today, while endeavoring to make his way into Canada, with $15,000 belonging to the firm and its creditors. He is in jail here.

BOSTON, Jan. 5.—RICHARD S. CARSON, aged twenty-one, fell through a hoistway while handling flour in the loft of a store on State-street, today, and was killed. He belonged to Scawille, Cape May County, N. J.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Jan. 5.—The first boat of the Poughkeepsie Ice Boat Association, was placed upon the ice, today. Arrangements will soon be perfected for a novel race.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 4.—An explosion of gas occurred in the Swift Blast Furnace at Newport, yesterday, by which SIMON EFFERLEY, M. KANE, JOHN HAMILTON and JOHN REITZ were severely burned.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 5.—The emancipation proclamation was celebrated here last night, at the National Hall, by a very large gathering.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 5.—The distillery of MCCREERY & MINER, of Kansas City, was burned on Monday last. Loss, $30,000; insured for $18,000.

WASHINGTON.

Healing the Differences in Missouri—The Paraguayan Difficulties—Rest of San Domingo—Senator Sprague's Alleged Contraband Traffic—Codification of the Postal Laws—Montana War Claims—An Extra Allowance to Gen. Schenck—The Status of Lincoln.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The news from Missouri of the probability of a complete union of the Republican factions, in the nominations for officers of the Legislature is received here with a great deal of satisfaction. Even as it is, the union of the two wings will hardly avail to prevent the election of a Democratic Senator, but it is quite a victory to have healed the dissensions. The President and his Cabinet have cordially co-operated to this end. Representative DYER left here last week, authorized by the President, through the Postmaster-General, to make a statement to the Missouri Republicans, that if a union could be effected for future action, it would be heartily seconded here. Certain false statements have recently appeared, to the effect that the Postmaster-General had refused to recognize Messrs. AXTELL, BOYD and FISCHELBURG as Republican Representatives and to accord them influence accordingly. On the contrary, he has simply asked these gentlemen if they propose to co-operate with the Republican Party in the future, and upon their assurance that they do, they are receiving their former consideration. Mr. BOYD, one of the members mentioned, addressed a letter to Mr. CRESWELL to know what his status at the Department was. He was assured yesterday that he had only to continue to be in the future loyal to the party to find his status unchanged.

EXTRA ALLOWANCE TO MINISTER SCHENCK.

The House, with great unanimity, today passed a resolution granting an extra allowance of $3,500 per year to Gen. SCHENCK while he should occupy the position at Minister to Great Britain, for the purpose of employing an amanuensis, in consequence of the disability of his hand from wounds received in battle.

THE PARAGUAY DIFFICULTIES.

The House today was excessively dull. Almost immediately after the reading of the journal, Judge ORTH called up the special order, being the report of the Committee of Foreign Affairs on the Paraguayan difficulties, made to the House at the last session. Nearly the whole afternoon was occupied in a dolorous series of a speech by Gov. SWARNS, from the minority of the Committee, whose report proposes to remove Minister WASHBURN for alleged failure to perform his duty, while that of the majority censures the naval officers, DAVIS and GODON, for not aiding him, and leaves WASHBURN alone. Except so far as the example of Congress may be of service as a warning, the matter possesses but little interest now. The previous question will be called on the resolutions to-morrow at 11½ o'clock.

DEMOCRATIC INFORMATION ON SAN DOMINGO.

Gen. BUTLER is after some old facts from Democratic authority concerning the annexation of San Domingo. He introduced a resolution just before adjournment this evening calling for the reports of JOHN HOGAN, sent as Commissioner to San Domingo during the Administration of President POLK, and also the report of Capt. GEORGE B. MCCLELLAN, sent on a similar mission to the same island during the Administration of President PIERCE.

THE NEW-YORK CENTRAL CASE.

The counsel for the New-York Central Railroad Company appeared at the Internal Revenue Bureau today, and stated that the Company were not yet ready to present their case, and asked for a further extension of time, to enable them to prepare their papers for presentation, which is represented to be a very laborious work. Commissioner PLEASONTON, in view of the magnitude of the case, and of the necessity that the claims of the Company be fully set forth before the decision is given, consented to a postponement of the hearing until Feb. 10, when it will proceed without further delay.

SAN DOMINGO IN THE HOUSE.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs considered the San Domingo resolutions today for some time, but came to no conclusion thereon. It is thought that there is a majority of one against annexation in the Committee and possibly against the resolutions, though the latter will not be determined until the vote is taken. An effort will be made on Monday next to suspend the rules and pass the Senate resolutions instead. This failing, the Committee will report a proposition identical with that of the Senate and press it under the previous question, possibly permitting one day's debate.

A DULL MORNING IN THE SENATE.

The morning business of the Senate occupied only a half hour. On the motion of Mr. MORTON, the late correspondence of Minister MOTLEY, and the papers bearing on his removal, were called for from the President. Mr. TRUMBULL's Civil Service bill was made the special order for Tuesday next. The claim of Dr. BURR took up the remainder of the day. A vote was reached, and, contrary to previous appearances, the bill of relief was passed. It has yet to be approved by the House.

SENATOR SPRAGUE'S CONTRABAND TRAFFIC.

The presentment of Judge-Advocate HOLT in the case of Senator SPRAGUE, and the alleged contraband traffic with the rebels of Texas, is the same report that was published in Rhode Island previous to the November elections there, and subsequently in New-York. The imputations contained in it were met by a statement over the Senator's name, and a letter from Gen. DIX. The investigation has not yet adduced any facts not made public at that time. Some of the papers which the communication of the Secretary of War stated were not to be found in the Department, have been found in the possession of Ex-Judge-Advocate BOLLES, of the navy, who testified before the Retrenchment Committee, previous to the removal of the investigation to a select committee, that they had been in his custody from the beginning. This starts the inquiry how Judge HOLT's report, claiming to be based on these papers, came to be made. Mr. SPRAGUE will receive from Providence the original letter of Gen. DIX, written after the charge of disloyalty was made by Mr. JENCKES, and will place it before the Committee, and Gen. DIX will be summoned to testify. It is in evidence that the man HOYT was recommended to Gov. SPRAGUE by President LINCOLN.

THE POSTAL CODIFICATION.

The Post-office Committee of the Senate had a full meeting today, and considered the bill codifying the Postal laws, recently passed by the House. The report will be decided on at the next meeting. The question before the Committee is, whether the report shall recommend concurrence with the House in the passage of the chapter abolishing the franking privilege, or the substitution of the chapter retaining it. It is very important that the Postal laws should be consolidated as in this bill, and if the attempt to fasten the repeal of the Franking laws upon it shall endanger the passage of the codification, it is the desire on all sides that it should not be made. If the privilege is retained in the codified laws, it will come before the Senate on its merits alone in the pending bill for its repeal.

CONSOLIDATION OF REVENUE DISTRICTS.

Inasmuch as the census and the reapportionment of Congressional districts under it bear such a close relation to revenue districts, as now constituted, it is possible that consolidation, though practically determined in most of its details, may be necessarily delayed until the new apportionment takes effect. Otherwise the work may have to be done over again.

APPOINTMENT OF A BRAVE SOLDIER.

R. M. MCCAULEY, of Pennsylvania, a soldier who was terribly wounded in the late war, but still lives, was today appointed detective in the internal revenue service, and assigned to the District of Georgia and Florida.

MONTANA WAR CLAIMS.

Gen. HARDIE, who was detailed from Gen. SHERIDAN's department to visit Montana and investigate the so-called Montana war claims, being claims for expenditures in suppressing Indian hostilities, has returned to head-quarters at Chicago, and is preparing his report for submission to the Secretary of War. The original claims amount to over a million of dollars, but under the pruning they will get on the hands of Secretary BELKNAP, the amount is not likely to reach a quarter of that sum. Gov. POTTS, of Montana, who was appointed with special reference to his relativity in looking after this important matter, had aided Gen. HARDIE very materially in his investigations, and his efforts will be of substantial service in securing a just settlement.

THE LINCOLN STATUE.

In will be three or four weeks before the statue of LINCOLN will be unveiled. Miss BRIAN's patents have not yet been allowed to see it, and all requests for a view are politely but firmly denied. The Secretary of the Interior will fix a day to have the statue exhibited to him, and members of the Press will be permitted to view the precious object at the same time. Mr. TRUMBULL and Mr. DAWES will be invited to inform their respective Houses of the completion of the work.

THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee agreed today to report a bill providing for the appointment, on the part of the United States, of a joint commission to fix the boundary line between this country and the British possessions, from the Lake of the Woods to the Rocky Mountains. It will be remembered that the President, in his annual Message, called attention to the fact that it had been discovered that the boundary line, as at present established, puts the Hudson's Bay Company's fort a mile or more within the United States.

NEW-BEDFORD ALABAMA CLAIMS.

The Committee of the New-Bedford claimants for destruction of their property by anglo-rebel cruisers, Messrs. CRAPO, TUCKER and RANDALL, had an interview with the President today. They represent about one-third of all the claims, or between three and four millions of dollars, and they state this amount is all in the hands of the original claimants and can be easily proved. They seek payment in a special issue of bonds to be called the *Alabama* bonds.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

WARNER'S DEBARMENTS.

Senator ABBOTT being presented the credentials of the North Carolina Legislature asking for the removal of the political disabilities of Ex-Gov. VANCE, United States Senator elect from that State. The resolutions were referred to the Special Committee on Political Disabilities.

GEN. HANCOCK'S BOARD AND ITS WORK.

Much anxiety was exhibited throughout the day by many army officers now here, to learn what disposition had been made of their cases by the Hancock Board, therefore the office order was in great demand. Those who could not procure copies were accompanied by friends with information as to their respective fortunes. It is generally conceded that the Board acted with fairness and impartiality in the delicate and important duties assigned them. Major-Gen. HANCOCK left Washington to-night for Philadelphia, where he will remain several days, and then proceed to his head-quarters in the West.

THE PACIFIC INTEREST.

The House Committee on Appropriations have not yet acted on the subject recently presented for the payment of the interest and principal of bonds of the Pacific Railroads. The abstract of the report printed this morning contained the views of only Judge LAWRENCE in explanation of the bill introduced by him in December. It was merely reported, yesterday, by Representative SARGENT, in order that it might be printed so that all the members of the Committee might have better opportunity of reading it in print than in manuscript. In a few days all the Committee will be enabled to learn its contents, to which they are now uncommitted.

DUTIABLE VALUE OF MALT.

In an importation of malt, made into Chicago from Canada, a year or more since, the Collector of Customs, under instructions of the Treasury Department, decided the dutiable value therein to be its market value for consumption in Canada, which included an excise tax of thirty-four cents per bushel, which was chargeable only on the entry for consumption in that country, and not on its exportation. The opinion of the Treasury Department being based on the ground that the dutiable value was the value in the foreign market for consumption, a suit was instituted in the case and a trial had before Judge BLODGETT, of the United States Court, in Chicago, who, in August last, rendered a decision adverse to the Government. The Department has since had under consideration the propriety of reversing its former instructions and acquiescing in the decision of the Court, and yesterday instructions were sent to the Collectors of Customs to govern their actions accordingly. This principle is more important, as it affects the value upon which duty is to be assessed upon tea, coffee and wine imported into the United States from England, which are therein subject to duty upon entry for consumption, but which duty is not charged upon the exportation of the goods from bond.

SENATOR WILLIAMS AND THE CABINET.

About twenty citizens from Oregon, California, Nevada, Washington Territory, Idaho and Montana, called at the Executive Mansion this morning, to request the President to appoint Senator WILLIAMS to a seat in the Cabinet in case of a vacancy. Gov. WOOD, of Oregon, was spokesman, and introduced the rest of the party. In reply, the President gave no indication of his purpose in case of such a contingency, but simply expressed a high opinion of Senator WILLIAMS' character and abilities. The movement was made without consultation with the Senator.

PRIVATE WAR CLAIMS.

The Senate Committee on Claims have been holding in abeyance about 400 claims until that body should dispose of the bill for the relief of J. MILTON BEST, which it did today by passing it.

SUPREME COURT.

The Supreme Court met today, and adjourned with the case No. 55, a Revolutionary land case from Virginia.

NOMINATION.

The following nomination was sent to the Senate today: WILLIAM H. DANIELS, to be Collector of Customs at Appalachicola, Fla.

CONFIRMATIONS.

The Senate today confirmed the following nominations:

Gustav R. Kneble, of Tennessee, Consul at Ghent; Samuel L. Earle, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Fourth District of Texas.

Postmasters—Phineas R. Gould, Littleton, N. H.; Walter D. Blaisdell, Plymouth, N. H.; Charles D. Amidon, Hinsdale, N. H.; George L. Holt, Corinne, Utah; Oliver Nutter, Lancaster, N. H.; Orsie B. Beebe, Beaver Dam, Wis.; Isaac Moor, Ogden City, Utah; E. D. Hall, Okolona, Miss.; James M. Bowman, Parkersburg, West Va.

RECEIPTS FROM CUSTOMS.

The customs receipts for the week ending Dec. 24 are as follows:

New-York	$1,977,[illegible]
Boston	28,[illegible]
Philadelphia	41,[illegible]
Baltimore	56,121
San Francisco	69,[illegible]
Total	$2,[illegible]

GEORGIA CONGRESSMEN ELECT.

Georgia claimants to seats in the Senate and House have been notified to appear before the Committee on the Judiciary on Saturday, in order to be heard. Among them are HERSCHEL V. JOHNSON and A. H. STEPHENS, elected by the Legislature before the passage of the last Reconstruction act, but who will not appeal. This decisive action on their part reduces the number of claimants to five.

MR. SUMNER'S POSITION.

His Difficulty with the Senate—The Real Question—What Mr. Sumner Thought of Mr. Lincoln.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1871.

An examination of the debate in the Senate on the San Domingo resolutions shows that the criticism of Mr. SUMNER's conduct by his Republican associates, as well as by the Democrats, that he is not, at any time, to have departed from, was not intended to be confined to the resolutions, or to amendments, or to the views of the President in those respects. Entire and friendly liberty has at all times been conceded, as a matter of right, to that, and to every other Senator, to differ with the Administration, and with his Republican associates, on this or any other topic. And this right has been, and continues to be, constantly exercised, as in the cases of the Tenure-of-office act, franking privilege, &c., by Republican Senators, without offending either their political and personal relations with the President, or with their associates in the Senate, in the slightest degree. Indeed, the principle of tolerance to individ

THE JANUARY MAGAZINES.

The North American Review.

The January number of the *North American* is strong and impressive. Two articles in particular will excite attention, namely, "The Government and the Railroad Corporations," by Mr. CHARLES F. ADAMS, Jr., and "The Civil Service Reform," by Hon. J. D. COX. There seems to be in the first, at the outset at least, an air of despondency, as if the writer were aware that his discussion is purely academical, and likely to be followed by no practical results. This is the third year in which the *Review* has returned to the charge on the abuses of railroad corporations, and Mr. ADAMS complains that no fitting response has been made to his statements of the dangers to be apprehended from those abuses. Neither legislators nor the Press, he says, have suggested methods of correction. The latter has rather complained of the chastening which portrayed difficulties, and has been silent as regards the remedy. This inquietude is, perhaps, not altogether just, but it is sufficiently so to inspire the hope that the Press will become more active, outspoken, and energetic respecting this momentous topic in the future than it has been in the past. The public is now learning to submit to taxation at the hands of railroad corporations, which, if imposed by a Government, would lead to revolution. Such apathy naturally provokes further expansion; and it undoubtedly should be the business of the Press to strive to arouse legitimate resistance to what threatens to become at no distant time an intolerable tyranny. The articles in the *North American*, which have been ably directed to this purpose, dwell chiefly upon the rapid growth of individual members of the railway system; the tendency to consolidation and combination in all the members; the internal abuse incident to corporate control; and, finally, the risk involved of the development of a sinister controlling influence in our political system.

Of the growth of these perils Mr. ADAMS suggests familiar illustrations. Seventeen years ago, he observes, six roads divided the route between Albany and Buffalo, and in 1853 these were consolidated into one. Three years ago four roads connected New-York with Chicago, and these four were then reduced to two. One year ago five roads divided among them the distance between the Atlantic and the Pacific; six months ago these five were practically reduced to three. How long will it be before these three are reduced to one? How long before consolidation, as yet confined to connecting, will extend to competing roads? The gigantic pressure of which we have already a foretaste, that may by these means be brought to bear upon all the most vital interests of the community, is obvious enough to all intelligent minds. Some counteraction has been attempted, such as the acts passed by some States, forbidding the consolidation of competing lines. An act of this sort was passed in New-York two years ago, and more recently a provision of like nature has been embodied in the Constitutions of Illinois and Michigan. Mr. ADAMS, however, holds that all such measures of State legislation are "utterly futile, almost childish;" and he is also of decided opinion that the idea of competition as regulating tariffs by rail must eventually break down. Hence, if neither combination nor competition be admissible, there seems no final resource save the ownership of railroads by the community as practiced in Belgium. Mr. ADAMS does not blink the manifest fact that for a Government to engage in any business, "whether as producers, as carriers, as bankers or as manufacturers," is opposed to the whole theory of strictly limited governmental functions. On the whole, therefore, effective regulation, rather than State ownership, commends itself as most desirable, and the attempt now in progress in Illinois may be expected to a measure to discover the benefits and embarrassments of such a system. The eleventh article in the Illinois Constitution now stands as follows:

CORPORATIONS.

SECTION 1. No corporation shall be created by special laws, or its charter extended, changed, or renewed by special laws, except for municipal purposes. The General Assembly shall provide, by general laws, for the organization of all corporations hereafter to be created.

SEC. 11. No railroad corporation shall consolidate its stock, property or franchises with any other railroad corporation owning a parallel or competing line. * * *

SEC. 12. Railways heretofore constructed, or that may hereafter be constructed, in this State, are hereby declared public highways, and shall be free to all persons for the transportation of their property thereon, under such regulations as may be prescribed by law. And the General Assembly shall from time to time, pass laws establishing reasonable maximum rates of charges for the transportation of passengers and freight on the different railroads in this State.

SEC. 13. No railroad corporation shall issue any stock or bonds, except for money, labor, or property actually received and applied to the purposes for which such corporation was created; and all stock dividends and other fictitious increases of the capital stock or indebtedness of any such corporation shall be void. * * *

SEC. 14. The General Assembly shall pass laws to correct abuses, and prevent unjust discrimination and extortion in the rates of freight and passenger tariffs on the different railroads in this State, and enforce such laws by adequate penalties, to the extent, if necessary for that purpose, of forfeiture of their property and franchises.

The Illinois experiment Mr. ADAMS regards as of profound interest to the whole country. It is the one alternative, he affirms, with State ownership as the other. Illinois certainly deserves credit for recognizing and boldly facing the question that has swelled to the importance of a great national problem; and her remedy will be narrowly watched, and, if successful, generally imitated.

Mr. COX argues with earnestness and eloquence in favor of "The Civil Service Reform." This, too, is one of the subjects the discussion of which is by many believed to end in nothing practical. Yet no reform was ever effected of which precisely the same thing had not been said, and, up to the point of prosperous consummation, continuously repeated. Most readers are acquainted with the arguments already set forth with such commendable pertinacity by Mr. JENCKES, of Rhode Island, and, after him, by others. They are marshaled by Mr. COX, in the pages before us, with considerable vigor and some originality of handling. His conclusion is, that from whatever point we view it, a reform of the civil service promises nothing but good, and we may hope to see the day when the present opponents of the reform will be anxious to hide from public notice the fact that they tried to obstruct those who, using the language of a foreign statesman, "would withdraw patronage from the dominion of party, and give it to the people."

The brilliant essay on Pope, contributed to this number by Mr. LOWELL, deserves more careful and extended examination than we at present can give it. It may be said, however, that this paper is thoughtful and elaborate as well as very fascinating reading; and that it admirably lightens pages whose general effect might without it seem rather heavy. The remaining articles in the number are "The Aborigines of Nova Scotia," by WILLIAM ELDER; "Mining Schools in the United States," by JOHN A. CHURCH; "Prunes and Geometry," a review full of timely information suggested by late works of MM. VERNOY (aîné) H. K. HILLEBRAND, and translated by H. W. HEMANS; "Modern Architecture," by RUSSELL STURGIS, Jr., containing some interesting matter about building in New-York and other of our cities, and the usual Critical Notices at the end. The *Review* has a look of freshness and energy which we are glad to see, and edited as it is with care and fidelity, it should be the means of accomplishing much good.

Other Magazines.

—*Old and New* begins the new year with a number of average merit. Its most noticeable features are a continuation of Mrs. STOWE's story "Pink and White Tyranny," the second part of a scientific extravaganza entitled "The Hidden Hemisphere," i. e. of the Moon, by WALTER MCLEOD; the second of ROBERT DALE OWEN's valuable historical retrospects, "Looking Across the War Gulf;" "Abdallah's Conversion," a charming quasi-Oriental sketch by GEO. OXFORD, in the style of his paper in the preceding number; a lively description of travels in search of the debatable territory, "Lingula," by EDWARD S. MORSE; a suggestive essay on "The Man in Man," by WILLIAM B. WEBBER, and another on "Reconciling Truth," by A. M. KNAPP. The verses entitled "Because," from VICTOR HUGO, by JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE, are above the average of magazine poetry, though the same can hardly be said of Mr. CHADWICK's faint echo of THEODORE, entitled "Before Christmas," or of the poetical contributions of Miss NORTON and Miss WEBB. "January," by WILLIAM MORRIS, belongs to a higher order of poetic workmanship; it is polished and musical, but very little more. "The Examiner" and "The Record of Progress" are more than usually well written and suggestive features of the number.

—The *New Era* continues its mission as a monthly organ of advanced Judaism, and of "the interests of religion and humanity." The January number is distinguished by all the eclecticism of thought and subject which its editor proposed to maintain. The paper on "Judaism and Education" by the editor, Rev. Mr. LEWIN, is highly vigorous and effective; the third chapter of "Rebecca" contains some little touches of pathos such as STERNE would have delighted in. "Pictures, and their Painters," is a trenchant criticism upon some of the characteristic defects of American art. The writer handles pretty roughly some of our foremost names in painting, and his strictures have at least the merit of being stated with much boldness and originality. "Sketches of Life among the Hindoos" is a very fresh and interesting paper, and "Extravagant Expectations" is a little essay of some merit. Altogether, this unpretentious monthly seems determined to push its way into the front rank of our periodical literature.

—The *Aldine Press* for January is before us, as also the completed volume for 1870. The conductors are evidently determined to make what they have done "but an earnest of the things which they shall do." It is impossible to imagine a more elegantly printed and beautifully illustrated volume than the lately completed one of the *Aldine*, unless it be the series for 1871, just inaugurated by the new number. This popular serial has succeeded, because it has never lost sight of the principle that the true way to command success is to deserve it. It enters on the new year improved in form, with typographical beauty unimpaired, and with still greater elaboration and finish in the style of the engravings. The editorial conduct of the *Aldine* has now devolved upon Mr. CHARLES CARROLL, a gentleman in whose hands its literary future is safe, and whose journalistic experience may be fairly expected to maintain the steadily increasing excellence of the most artistically perfect of our serials.

NOTES FROM THE PEOPLE.

Sheriff O'Brien.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In your invaluable paper of today there is an article in reference to the donation by Wm. M. TWEED of fifty thousand dollars "to the poor of the Seventh Ward," in which you also stated that Ex-Sheriff O'BRIEN was about to follow his example by presenting coal to the poor.

As a resident of the Twenty-first Ward, in which Mr. O'BRIEN resides, I desire to say that he has for the past three years contributed liberally to the wants of the poor of both the Eighteenth and Twenty-first Wards. Nor was this done with any spirit of ostentation, but by going privately among the poor with a request that what he gave should not be alluded to by those who received it.

From my personal knowledge I am able to state that his generosity did not come from a plethoric purse, for he has retired from office anything but a wealthy man, it being notorious among those who knew him that he has been much more generous than a judicious regard for his pecuniary welfare would warrant.

The very fact of the liberality of Mr. O'BRIEN for years past not being known to your usually well-informed paper, is an evidence of the quiet manner in which he has expended thousands of dollars in charity.

Permit me to add that I, in common with my neighbors, heartily approve of your exposure of the Ring, who have become millionaires by their extortions from our citizens, most of which comes from the hard earnings of the poor.

TUESDAY, Jan. 3, 1871. JUSTICE.

Economy in the Right Quarter.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Your remarks in a recent article upon "Balancing the Ledger" are pregnant of suggestions, bearing upon our national as well as upon our private affairs. If as favorable an exhibit is expected at the close of the next fiscal year as we now witness, it can only be realized by a careful watching of the operations of the Government in all their details. Economy in expenditure, as well as vigilance in collection, are essential to real thrift and prosperity. The purchasing power of our currency is now nearly as great as before the rebellion, and the Government should keep this fact well in mind in forming its plans for the future. The country demands that the salaries paid to the servants of the Government shall be made to conform to the change in the value of the currency since the close of the war. It cannot be asserted that the salaries of the President and the members of his Cabinet, and of the Judges of the National Courts, are at all unreasonable, but all must concede that those of the members of Congress are out of all proportion to the labor and talent displayed by the incumbents of the office of Representative at least. When in the year 1866, these salaries were raised from $5,000 to $7,500 a year, there was a general pledge upon the part of the members that the increase should be only temporary, to meet the necessity of almost perpetual sessions, which were then required, and should only continue until the Government should be restored to its normal quietude. That this condition has now arrived no one can deny, and the people anxiously await the fulfillment of the promise then made. There should be no delay in the matter. When this is done, and not till then, will the people believe in the honesty of their professions in favor of economy. Let Congressmen reluctant, in their own case, the one million not yet year which they now receive over a fair compensation for their services.

POOR RICHARD.

The Suit Against the Steamer Florida.

The suit brought by the Government for the condemnation of the steamer *Florida*, for having been fitted out, as alleged, to engage in a Cuban filibustering expedition, was resumed before Judge BLATCHFORD, in the United States District Court, yesterday. It was mentioned that the District-Attorney was unable to procure the attendance of ROBERT STEPHENS and GEORGE LEARY as witnesses; it being intended to show by the former that he assisted in the Cuban service with intent to depart on the *Florida*, and by LEARY that the latter shipped the crew of the *Florida*. The Court said that it could not delay the case any longer to await the production of the witnesses. The Assistant District-Attorney then announced that the case was closed on the part of the Government, after which the counsel for the owner of the vessel said that he should not produce any testimony. Counsel on both sides will submit written briefs to the Court to-morrow.

PERSONAL, POLITICAL, AND GENERAL.

The drowning of her son has made a lady in Albany insane.

They "dedicated" a new stable in Boston, on Tuesday night, by holding a ball in it.

Col. WILLIAM CHESTNUT, for forty years an honored merchant in Baltimore, died on Tuesday, 3d inst.

The Democrats of the Fourth District of Texas have nominated JOHN HANCOCK for Congress.

Friends of Gov. WALKER, of Virginia, deny that he is or will be, under any circumstances, a candidate for the United States Senate.

One paper in Ohio wants VALLANDIGHAM elected United States Senator, when the Democrats have an opportunity to choose one.

A two-tailed horse, after a brief session in a museum, is helping to drag a street car in San Francisco.

Hon. JOHN SANDFIELD MACDONALD, at the head of the Ontario Government, has been compelled to resign, because the doors of the House of Parliament do not open outward.

The official returns to the Secretary of State of Indiana, show that the average Democratic majority on the State ticket at the late election was 1,806.

There is one man residing in the southwestern corner of Missouri, who has not yet been mentioned for United States Senator, but he has hopes that his claims will yet be presented.

A lady who died in Boston, on Saturday, at the age of eighty-seven years and nine months, had lived in the same house from her birth, and never heard a sermon except in the New-South Church.

Gov. ASHLEY gave some of his recollections of Congressmen and manners in Chicago, on Monday evening, remarking incidentally that he believed that generally public men do not grow on one.

An enthusiastic admirer of ERASTUS BLAIN writes to the Missouri *Republican* that BLAIN ought by all means to be elected United States Senator, because a large majority of the Confederate soldiers prefer him.

Twenty young Swedes have been "imported" by Prof. HASSELQUIST, of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Paxton, Ill., to supply, as the Springfield *Journal* puts it, the demand for clergymen of his sect.

The San Francisco *Alta* reports that BRET HARTE has declined an offer from publishers of Eastern magazines to write twelve articles for $8,000, and that he will retain in the editorial chair of the *Overland Monthly*.

The new counterfeit $10 bills on the Farmers' and Manufacturers' National Bank of Poughkeepsie, were circulated in Pittsburg, Penn., on Tuesday, and in Philadelphia on Wednesday.

Massachusetts gave the Union 151,911 soldiers during the rebellion. Of these, 365 officers and 5,189 privates were killed in action, 207 officers and 6,835 privates died of wounds or disease, and 12,000 remain "unaccounted for."

The Portland (Me.) *Argus* suggests that if a subscription were started in this country there would be enough contributed to make "that little church around the corner" one of the most imposing in the land.

A Hartford man said he was "very sorry," when his attention was called to the fact that some melting ice-cream which he was attempting to carry home in a paper in a crowded street-car, was gently meandering down a velvet cloak worn by a lady passenger at his side.

M. J. MCETTRICK is again attempting to walk 104 hours, consecutively, without rest or sleep, in Boston. Somebody suggested, the other day, that if he and his brother pedestrians would attempt to split wood for shovel sand for the same length of time, it might be of some advantage to somebody.

The City Missionary of Norwich, Conn., enjoys a good cigar occasionally, but after trying one the other day which a "friend" had given him, and discovering to his cost that it had been previously filled with red pepper, he declared, as soon as he was able to speak, that it was a great outrage.

The formidable task mapped out for the New-Hampshire Democrats by their central organ, the Concord *Patriot*, is an early and thorough reorganization, conciliation, the removal of obstacles, the stirring up of lukewarm Democrats, and the conversion of dissatisfied Republicans.

The Third District of Virginia paid last year $1,363,487 tax on tobacco; $87,923 on whisky, and $340,107 on other articles. The District embraces Richmond and Fredericksburg, and the Counties of Henrico, Hanover, Goochland, Louisa, Orange, Culpepper, Rappahannock, Spotsylvania and Stafford.

A committee of the Charleston (S. C.) Chamber of Commerce has recommended that to secure uniformity in the classification of cotton the classifications of Liverpool, which is the largest market, be adopted everywhere. The New-York classification is higher than the Liverpool; and that of Charleston, and other cities in the South, is between the two.

We have received from Mr. GEORGE W. CHILDS, of the Philadelphia *Public Ledger*, a copy of the *Ledger Almanacks* 1871, a most useful annual, which, with characteristic liberality, he presents as a New-Year's gift to the thousands of readers of his valuable paper. It contains a great amount of statistical matter in a neat and compact form.

An extraordinary case is on trial before a United States Commissioner in Rochester. It is alleged that the defendant and about thirty others entered into a formal written agreement, before the election, to sell their votes to whoever would pay the most, and that one of the by-laws of their association provided that twenty lashes should be inflicted on any member who voted contrary to the direction of their President.

There was a double marriage, in fun, at a social gathering in Albany on New-Year's Eve, but the young wives have made a serious matter of it by insisting that the marriages are just as legal as though cemented by a real minister, inasmuch as they had made a public acknowledgment of their wish and intention to take each other "for better or worse" in the presence of witnesses.

The Welsh people in and about Utica held an "Eisteddfod"—a meeting to encourage knowledge—on Monday, and the *Herald* is quite enthusiastic in its description of it. Prominent among the decorations about the hall was a banner bearing the soul-inspiring national motto, *Y ddraig goch a ddyry gychwyn*, supplemented on either side by the words, *Tawawdd Duw, a phob dajoni*.

It having been announced that a gift concert would be given in Chicago in aid of the Library Association, Mr. EDWIN LEE BROWN writes to the papers of the city, saying that he wishes to ward off, if possible, this disgrace from the Association and the city, and that he will be one of 100 persons to give $1,000 each, or one of fifty persons who shall give $2,000 each, to found a free public library, of which the present library of the Chicago Library Association shall be the nucleus.

An Illinois editor was moved to say, on the last nit: "On the last day of every year we stand, as it seems, on a point above the other days, and looking back o'er the great page of a year, we count more easily its joys and sorrows, its pains and pleasures, its labors and rewards, and then turning our eye upon the clear, unbroken page of the year to come, with its promises and prospects, our minds are filled with many and varied thoughts." At first thought one might suppose if the page is clear and unbroken, that the promises would be naught and the prospect blank.

Dr. MIGHILL, of Boston, was poisoned in some way while treating a patient some months ago, and has become insane in consequence. The papers say that "the poison affected his head entirely, but just before he was stricken he attended a lecture, and on coming home, with a brain already beginning to be affected, he repeated the lecture to his wife, almost word for word."

CUSTOM-HOUSE AFFAIRS.

The New Tariff—Business in the Warehouse Division—Grain Importers in Trouble.

The new tariff begins to work smoothly, and both clerks and merchants are in harmony, and will doubtless continue to be in future. In the Appraisers' Department there is some confusion in consequence of the insufficient number of examiners, and merchants grumble at the delays in that bureau. The weighers and gaugers are doing their best to expedite the business in their departments, and succeed admirably. The only new point decided yesterday was that Russian hemp, unmanufactured, pays a duty of ½c per lbs, instead of $40, under the old tariff. The Secretary of the Treasury has reversed a decision of the Collector in relation to goods under general order. The Collector decided that goods of this class, entering the jurisdiction of the United States before the 31st of December last, were subject to the old duty, though the merchandise might not be entered at the Custom-house until Monday. The decision was made in the case of the steamer *The Queen*, which has been noticed in these columns. The Secretary decides that goods under general order pay the duty fixed by the new tariff—rulings of the Courts and former secretaries, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

The largest number of withdrawals made yesterday was by A. T. STEWART & CO., who took out sixty-four cases of goods consisting of linens, silks, hosiery, &c. The large business transacted in the warehouse bureau will be understood when it is stated that over 2,400 withdrawal permits have been issued since last Monday. Last month there were 2,367 entries liquidated, 849 were awaiting export at the close of the month, and the somewhat unusual circumstance is worthy of note that no papers were ready for liquidation at the close of the month. There were 90 foreign exports, and some rewarehousing from other ports, 1,612 warehouse bonds entered, 4,364 withdrawals from warehouse, 126 exports from Canada, and 1,079 transportation entries. The amount of duties paid in this bureau was $4,782,270 [illegible]. The business yesterday is represented by the following: 1,400 bond entries passed, 1,337 withdrawals under free permits and $455,073 [illegible] paid for duties.

During last month there were seventy-two permits issued by Deputy Collector JAMES for the manufacture of goods in bond, being chiefly patent medicines which, when manufactured, are transferred to four third-class warehouses and from thence sold.

Some importers of grain from Canada are likely to get into trouble by reason of their not complying with the Customs regulations. It was discovered, a few days ago, that about 200 canal-boats are lying at wharves in this City, loaded with grain from Canada, which the owners intended to store on board until Spring, and then discharge. The Custom-house authorities learned of the irregularity, and directed that the grain should be put into bonded warehouse. The owners appealed to the Secretary of the Treasury, who affirmed the decision of the Collector, whereupon some of the importers took out warehouse permits, but did not act upon them, thus rendering their goods liable to seizure. It has been ascertained that only two cargoes of grain have been warehoused, and steps will be taken today to compel the owners of the remainder to comply with the law.

At the transportation desk of the warehouse division there have been employed this month four clerks, when one was sufficient before, so great has been the demand for permits to transport goods in bond to frontier ports under the new tariff. Over 1,200 permits have been granted thus far this month.

ERIE ALWAYS IN THE COURTS.

The Susquehanna Railroad Litigation—The Case Again Before the Supreme Court—A Postponement.

The appeal case of JAMES FISK, Jr., and others, against the Susquehanna Railroad Company and others, was called on, yesterday, in the Supreme Court General Term, before Judges INGRAHAM, BARNARD and CARDOZO. Mr. FERRY appeared for FISK & Co., and Messrs. TRACY & PECKHAM for the Susquehanna Company. The case came up on an appeal from two orders, one of which, at least, has the effect to change the place of trial from the City and County of New-York to the County of Rensselaer.

Mr. TRACY objected to the argument going on in the then present condition of the orders appealed from.

Mr. FIELD said: We want to try the cause in February, and the reason why we desire the action to be retained here is that, if tried here, the evidence will be reported and published. The issue is now made up between those who are called the Ramsey consultators on the one side and those who are called the Erie Ring on the other. The charges made against the Ramsey conspirators are fraud, embezzlement, purloining of books, and corruptions issued by stock for the purpose of keeping themselves in power. These questions ought to be tried speedily and tried fully. It may not be generally known, what is very well known in this Court, that if the cause is tried here it will be tried by Mr. Justice INGRAHAM, who sits in February, or by Mr. Justice BRADY, who sits in March, or by Mr. Justice SUTHERLAND, who sits in May. There is another reason. We wish to avoid, by all means, a conflict between different branches of the Court. The other side have noticed this very appeal for the first Monday of February, and that is the day for the next meeting of the Term here, and if the argument goes off to the next term it will be brought on before two General Terms, one in Albany and one in New-York, on the same day. That is a spectacle I wish to avoid, and it can be avoided by arguing this appeal now. There are two orders and two appeals, and we have a right to bring on either. If the other side did not get Mr. Justice BRADY to enter the second order as a substitute for the first, that is their fault, and they cannot take advantage of their own wrong.

Mr. TRACY denied that it was necessary for Judge BRADY to make the resettled the order so as to say that he resettled it.

Judge INGRAHAM said that they would refer the matter to Judge BRADY. He said that the last order, the one settled on the 20th, was intended as a resettlement of the order of the 16th. The Judge also stated that they had come to the conclusion to hear the argument now on one condition, and that was, that the counsel for the plaintiff (Mr. FIELD) consent that the two orders should be considered by the Court in the disposition of the first appeal. Otherwise, the case would go over until the February Term.

Mr. FIELD consented to this, and the argument was set down for this morning at 10½ o'clock.

Fraudulent Concealment by a Bankrupt—The Indictment Quashed in the Lower Court.

In the United States Circuit Court, Southern District, before Judge BENEDICT, yesterday, in the case of The United States *vs.* RAMON S. LATORRE, a motion to quash an indictment which was found under the forty-fourth section of the Bankrupt act was granted. The charge was that the accused, being a bankrupt, after the commencement of proceedings in bankruptcy which had been commenced against him, secreted and concealed certain described property, with intent to hinder the assignee in recovering the same.

Judge BENEDICT held that a mere averment of the commencement of proceedings in bankruptcy pursuant to the act, without in any way describing the proceeding, except by the names of the creditors, and the words "pursuant to the act," is insufficient. The indictment does not state a time nor a place, nor a tribunal before which the alleged proceedings in bankruptcy were taken, and with reference to which the accused made the alleged conveyance of his property. It neither alleges any adjudication or proceedings in bankruptcy before a Court of competent jurisdiction, nor does it set forth any facts from which the Court can see that any Court had jurisdiction of the proceedings alluded to. The gist of the offense is a conveyance with intent to keep property from an assignee in bankruptcy, and the offense cannot be committed unless proceedings in bankruptcy have been commenced in a Court of competent jurisdiction, to which an assignee can be appointed. This indictment does not convey to the accused the information necessary to enable him to make his defense. Motion granted and indictment quashed.

Sentence of Professional Pickpockets.

A pickpocket named JOHN CLANCY, who left State Prison in July last, after serving sixteen months, was sent to the same place for five years by Judge BEDFORD, at the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, for stealing a watch from JAMES WATSON, of No. 23 Irving-place. WILLIE CROOKER was sent to the Penitentiary for six months for stealing a silk dress from Mrs. WM. A. WESTFALL, of No. 201 East Forty-fifth-street. JOHN HAYES, a professional pickpocket, was sent to State Prison for five years for stealing a watch from ALBERT H. DOLLIVER, of No. 153 South-street. The Court then adjourned until this morning.

Kings County Supervisors—A Proposition to Abolish the Board.

The Kings County Supervisors held their first meeting for the year yesterday afternoon. Supervisor HOWEL acted as Chairman *pro tem.* All the old officers were re-elected, except Capt. CROZIER, Keeper of the Sixteenth Ward Armory, who was superseded by BRYAN DERSON.

A motion made by Supervisor NELSON, to have the Surrogate's Office repaired, at an expense of $2,000, was referred to the Court-house Committee for report at the next meeting.

Supervisor FLETCHER, of the Eighteenth, presented a resolution requiring the Law Committee to inquire relative to the Legislature [illegible] Supervisor HARMAN moved to amend, by requesting the Legislature to abolish the Board entirely. In presenting this resolution, the Supervisor said that he offered it because, in his opinion, the Board [illegible] exist. It merely added to the expenses of the City Government, without benefit in any way to its citizens.

On motion of Supervisor DUFFY, the whole matter was tabled.

Another resolution, presented by Mr. FLETCHER, directing the Law Committee to ask the Legislature to empower the Police Justices of the county to send ten-day prisoners to the Penitentiary, was also tabled. The Board then adjourned, to meet on Monday next.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The Immunity of Private Property at Sea in Time of War—Steam on the Canals.

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday afternoon, William E. Dodge presiding. Messrs. C. D. Borden, R. L. Dinsdale, Spencer K. Green, John H. Hall, Preston S. Spring, William C. Wardlaw and Job. D. Wood were elected members. Mr. S. B. Ruggles read a report upon a system of telegraphing around the world, and pointed out many advantages that would accrue to the mercantile community thereby. He said that in these days many important ports cannot be communicated with under thirty days, whereas when the telegraphic connections now in progress are completed, all ports of importance north of the equator will be within three days' communication of each other. In China, where the religious scruples of the inhabitants prevent the burying of the cables on land, the lightships at Shanghai might be used as a temporary station. Wherever the peculiar condition of the country would seem to guarantee the safety of the line, it has been proposed to lay such a cable in practicable, under water. The report was ordered printed.

The resolution to the effect that the Government respectfully petition Government to take any steps to preserve the integrity of private property at sea in time of war was then taken up.

Mr. RUGGLES said that he was not in personal communication with the Government, but he had good reason to believe that it was opposed to the scheme.

Mr. BIRKWINTON pointed out that although England was bound by the Treaty of Paris to refrain from using privateers in wars with Continental Powers, she was not bound to refrain from so doing in the event of a war with America, and that England had 100 cruisers for placing a large privateering fleet upon the seas. He did not think that America should go to war with England about the *Alabama* claims, a war which would result in the destruction of American commerce.

Mr. RUGGLES said that he wished to see an American fleet that could sweep an enemy's commerce from the seas without the aid of privateers.

The resolution was then put to vote and unanimously carried.

Mr. FERRY CORNELL presented a petition of a firm in Fleetwood calling attention to an invention which, he stated, is to apply to all steamers propelled in the navigation of the canals. A important feature in the invention is that the propeller is fixed in a cavity in the bow of the steamer. The apparatus has been fitted to the canal steamer *George Steward*, and on her trial on the Hudson River and Erie Canal, gave much satisfaction. The inventor claims that the action of the screw in the usual way tends to injure the banks of the canal, that it will propel a loaded boat at the rate of three miles an hour for twenty-four hours, with one ton of coal, and that a canal-boat fitted with this apparatus can steer through a lock in six minutes.

Mr. CORNELL said that the matter had referred to Committee No. 3, which had examined various inventions having a similar end in view.

MATTHEW MARTY called the attention of the Chamber to the recent increase in the rent of the Post-office boxes from $[illegible] per year. Wm. A. Graham, Postmaster, had, last year, referred to a select committee. The matter was thus disposed of.

Upon motion of A. A. Low, the thanks of the Chamber were voted GEORGE W. BLUNT for his labors in clearing the harbor, notably in the case of the Diamond Reef and the wreck of the *Scotland*.

The Chamber then adjourned.

Proposed New Buildings.

The following is a list of new buildings proposed for erection in this City since the last report, and for the week ending Thursday, Jan. 5, 1871:

BRICK FRONTS.

Three first-class dwellings, north side of One Hundred and Third-street, 100 feet west of Third-avenue, 18.6 by 50, basement and four stories; CHARLES H. BUSHAY, owner.

Two tenement-houses, north side of Seventy-sixth-street, 150 feet west of First-avenue, 25 by 58; four stories; F. WERLING and F. BOSENSTEIN, owners.

One tenement-house, No. 64 Charles-street, 25 by 58, basement and five stories; PETER COOK, owner.

Two stores and tenements, Nos. 192 and 194 Monroe-street, 25 by 50, five stories; J. BOHNET, owner.

One store and tenement, No. 190 Monroe-street, 19 by 55, five stories; J. BOHNET, owner.

One store and tenement, south side of One Hundred and Nineteenth-street, 22 feet east of First-avenue, 23.6 by 50, four stories; JOHN DONOHUE, owner.

One store and tenement, south side Twentieth-street, 100 feet west of Eighth-avenue, 25 by 50, basement and four stories; JAMES HUTCHINSON, owner.

One factory, Nos. 422, 424 and 426 West Thirteenth-street, rear, 75 by 49, garret and two stories; WOTHERSPOON BROS., owners.

One workshop, south side of Eighty-second-street, 131.9 feet west of Third-avenue, 25 by 50, two stories; C. C. STAGEN, owner.

One stable, No. 188 and 190 Monroe-street, rear, 44.6 by 24, three stories; J. BOHNET, owner.

RECAPITULATION.

Total number buildings	14	Stores and tenements	3
Brick fronts	14	Factory	1
Brick rear dwellings	1	Work-shop	1
Tenement-houses	3	Stable	1

Alterations in Buildings.

For the week ending Thursday, Jan. 5, 1871, the following is the only plan of importance for alterations in buildings submitted at the Department in this City:

Brick stores, Nos. 279 and 281 Canal-street, together 50 by 76, five stories; extension in rear, one story, 9 by 41; owner, THOMAS SMITH.

Unsafe Buildings.

Since the last report, and for the week ending Thursday, Jan. 5, 1871, the following buildings in this City have been reported as unsafe, in the particulars annexed, at the office of JAMES M. MAGGERGOR, Superintendent of the Department of Buildings:

Rector-street, No. 20, T. G. HODGKINS, owner; generally unsafe.

Washington-street, No. 99½, T. G. HODGKINS, owner; unsafe front wall.

Washington-street, north-east corner of Rector-street, T. G. HODGKINS, owner; unsafe gable wall.

Greene-street, No. 211, W. R. COOK, owner; unsafe front and north walls.

Water-street, No. 297, P. HARMONY'S NEPHEWS, owners; unsafe front wall.

Broadway, No. 656, BOUTON J. SMITH, owner; unsafe rear brick piers.

Washington-street, No. 185, H. W. SHIPMAN, owner; unsafe walls.

Mission-place, No. 5, JAMES CUMMINGS, owner; unsafe trummer arch of fire-place, first floor.

Mission-place, No. 5, JAMES CUMMINGS, owner; unsafe beams under store floor.

Canal-street, No. 581, Kellogg estate, owner; unsafe walls and roof.

Third-avenue, No. 1,378, MARY CRANE, owner; unsafe north and partition walls and front columns.

Duane-street, No. 43, A. T. STEWART, owner; unsafe front and east walls and roof.

Chambers-street, Nos. 39 and 41, LOUIS J. ANDREWS, owner; unsafe rear wall, lintels and chimney.

Pearl-street, No. 324, JOHN G. LYONS, agent; unsafe foundation wall and floors.

Leonard-street, No. 168, HARRIS JACOBY, owner; dangerously unsafe generally.

West Twenty-seventh-street, (rear,) No. 464, NORMAN PECK, owner; unsafe east and west walls.

Building in Twenty-seventh-street, north side, twenty feet west of Ninth-avenue, NORMAN PECK, owner; unsafe north and south walls.

Hotels and Fire-Escapes—A New Invention.

Five of the larger hotels in this City have already been notified, from the Department of Buildings, in reference to the fire-escape question, and but one reply has as yet been received. Mr. FRENCH, of the house bearing his name, has answered the notice, and, while not refusing to comply with the law, intimates that delay is desired until the question can be thoroughly tested as to whether proprietors of hotels can be obliged, under the law, to affix fire-escapes to their buildings.

An exhibition was given, yesterday, on the Spring-street side of the St. Nicholas Hotel, of HURDLE'S Portable Fire-Escape, which is claimed to be a new and invaluable life-saving invention, designed chiefly for hotels, large tenements, factories, or to be used in case of fire when egress is cut off from any floor. It consists, however, of the old London Fire Department canvas bag with a few Yankee notions in the shape of rubber rings, about one inch thick, placed at intervals of two feet or so along its entire length. These rings regulate the width of the escape, and consequently the velocity of the person or persons descending through it, as was demonstrated yesterday. The escape was suspended from the upper window over the private entrance, and a dozen or more persons of different sizes and ages passed safely down through it. The rubber rings also enable it to be adjusted to any sized window. It may, however, be secured from the inside by hooks, which take hold of the window-sill, which is such a very grave objection, inasmuch as in case of a fire it would be within the power of any dwelling or factory, and could easily adjust it. It can be packed into a space less than a yard square, and can be readily carried under the arm, and is not expensive.

NAVAL AFFAIRS.

The Frigate Tennessee in Commission—The Ceremony of Taking Command—List of Officers and Numbers of Assignment—The Tennessee to Sail for San Domingo on the 15th.

Yesterday, the frigate *Tennessee*, twenty-three guns, Capt. WILLIAM G. TEMPLE, which has been fitted out to convey the Special Commissioners of the United States to San Domingo, was formally placed in commission. At 8 o'clock all the officers of the ship, many officers of the Yard, and a portion of the ship's crew, together with the Marine Guard under Lieut. FRANK D. WARNER, were assembled on the quarter-deck of the ship, when Capt. TEMPLE read his orders from the Navy Department in the usual command of the ship. When he had completed, Capt. WOOLSEY, Executive Officer of the Yard, ordered the colors to be hoisted, the band struck up and the marines presented arms, all hands uncovering as the colors and pennant floated to the breeze. Capt. WOOLSEY then formally turned over the ship to Capt. TEMPLE, with a few fitting remarks, and the ceremony was completed.

The *Tennessee* was originally built for one of the first ironclads, in New-Hampshire, for service or foreign emergency in case of war. She was designed expressly for speed, and was filled with machinery, boilers and coal-bunkers, leaving little room for the accommodation of officers and crew. He was being found for her in this condition, she was greatly altered. Four boilers were taken out, the coal-bunkers on the berth deck were removed, and a light spar deck was added to her, making her a double-decked frigate. She is now roomy and comfortable, a good sea boat, admirably fitted for cruising and a clipper under sail. Her battery is very heavy, consisting of sixteen nine-inch guns, in broadside, on the gun deck; two eleven-inch guns, pivoted, on the spar deck; two nine-inch guns and two one hundred-pounder rifles, in broadside, on the spar deck; one sixty-pounder rifle on the forecastle, and two twenty-pounder Dahlgren rifle howitzers on the poop—twenty-five guns in all. The following is a list of the officers who have reported:

Captain—Andrew H. Foote; Commander, G. H. Temple; Lieutenant-Commander and Executive Officer, George W. Haywood; Lieutenant-Commander, John P. Hoff; Navigator, Charles S. Cotton; Lieutenant-Commanders, George F. Wade and G. D. B. Giddess; Lieutenant, S. Wallace Graham; First Lieutenant of Marines, Franklin H. Webster; Masters, Frank W. Noel and Albert S. Bean; Ensigns, Dennis H. Mahan, John W. Griffin, William C. Pearson, S. W. Gruber, and Richard Mitchell; Chief Engineer, David H. Macomb; First Assistant Engineer, Edward A. Magee; First Assistant Engineer, Charles J. McConnell, Second Assistant Engineer, Edward G. Allen; Paymaster, Thomas Caswell; Surgeon, James McMasters; Passed Assistant Surgeon, William S. Pew; Assistant Surgeon, M. R. Rutz; Surgeon-Steward, Francis Boon; Gunner, Thomas F. Velable; Carpenter, W. D. Tay; Boatswain, Chas. H. Miller. A number of assistant engineers, surgeons and midshipmen are yet to report for duty.

The *Tennessee* is expected to make her voyage to San Domingo and return by the above 15 March, if will require active exertions to complete the work and report before the adjournment of Congress.

Every exertion is being made to have the ship ready to proceed to Hampton Roads to receive the passengers by the 15th inst. She will go

RECENT HOMICIDES.

The New-Year's Day Murder—Inquest by Coroner Keenan—A Verdict Rendered Against Murder.

Coroner KEENAN held an inquest, yesterday, in the case of JOSEPH CRAWFORD, the young man who died at No. 169 West Fourth-street, from the effects of a fractured skull, caused by a blow on the head with a bottle, in the hands of BENJ. F. BARBER, of One Hundred and Fourth-street and Ninth-avenue. The following evidence was elicited:

FOSTER MARTIN, of No. 134 West Tenth-street, testified that he was acquainted with deceased; on Monday last he saw him at a house in Grove-street, between five and six o'clock P. M.; he appeared to be very sick, and complained of pain in his head; looked at his head, but saw no injury on it; Mr. DYE and witness took him home; had met him at ten o'clock A. M., when he was visiting calls, and saw him again between two and four o'clock, in STEWART'S liquor-store, outside of Bleecker and Carmine streets; heard a scuffle in the barroom and went in; saw some men with Crawford; had some with a bottle in his hand; there were five and six twenty-five-cent and some more bottles—perhaps four or five on each side—trying to get the one he had; he had a bottle; was trying to throw them away; was not; they wanted to have them; they were not; they wanted to throw them out; they went out again; told the fellows to put up his hands and generally act at DILLON'S; then they clinched, and DILLON turned the other way; his face turned against the bar; while he stood was in this position, FRANK BARBER struck him on the head with a bottle; first, considered that it was a blow; he had a bottle; that he struck him on the back of the head; or if might have hitted him on the side, covered one back or if; witness interfered and tried to get the bottle, but he walked out; he did not appear to be hurt; he walked out; he did not appear to be hurt; he was somewhat under the influence of liquor; the bottle was not broken, and saw no blood on deceased; the attack was quite unprovoked; words had passed between the parties; they had been friends; they didn't appear to be very angry, and thought when they first squared off that they were in fun.

CHARLES R. DYE, of No. 328 Waverley-place, testified also that he went into the liquor-saloon with deceased about four o'clock P. M.; there were three or four persons there; deceased was sitting on the back of the bar, and proposed to throw the bottles at the bar, and proposed to throw the bottles at the wall; grumbling about who should pay for them, and then quarreled; the party consisted of deceased, Barber, DILLON and Barber; the latter took a bottle from the counter and put it under his coat; witness and some others went out; he returned in about five minutes; he returned in about five minutes and saw deceased staggering about the barroom; saw no blow struck; tried to get him out, but he refused; then went out again, and there was fighting in the street; afterward he came in with a bottle in his hand; he had a cut and complained of his head; they then went to Grove-street, where witness left him.

AUGUSTUS STEFFEN, proprietor of the liquor-store, No. 327 Bleecker-street, testified that he was behind the bar; deceased came into the place; between three and four o'clock a company of eight or more young men came in and asked for drinks; judged that they didn't intend to pay for them; the deceased ordered four glasses, while they stood at the end of the bar; I thought they were not; I ordered them out; they went out; they had a bottle of Jersey, which were drank; had finished; deceased and DILLON carried the other; DILLON carried the other; deceased put up his hands and squared off at DILLON; then they clinched, and

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23d-st., near 6th-av.
RIP VAN WINKLE. Leading characters by Messrs. Joseph Jefferson, Sheridan, Anderson and Miss Mary Wells.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.
23d-st., corner 6th-av.
LES BRIGANDS. Leading characters by Mlle. Aimee, Mlle. Paradis and M. Cheron.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, near Houston-st.
WEE WILLIE WINKIE. Characters by Messrs. G. L. Fox, Honeywood, Atkins, Miss Fanny Reeve, Miss Rosina, Miss Vaughan, and others.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, near Prince-st.
THE BLACK CROOK. Leading characters by Messrs. Morton, Rogers, Hamilton, and Miss Pauline Markham.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 30th-st.
WAR. Leading characters by Messrs. John Brougham, Gilbert, George Clarke, Miss Madeline Henriques, Miss Fowler and Miss Gray.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.
24th-st., near Broadway.
SARATOGA. Leading characters by Messrs. Harrigan, Lewis, Savage, Miss Fanny Davenport and Miss Fanny Morant.

LINA EDWIN'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner Washington-place.
WIND TO A FLUTE and ALADDIN. Leading characters by Mr. Lathgwell, Mr. Hall, Miss Edwin and Miss Hewett.

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Broadway, near 30th-st.
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE WAR.

A telegram from Lille reports that the battle fought by the Army of the North on the 3d was a great victory for the French, that the fight continued ten hours, and that the Prussians were forced from all their positions, the French occupying the villages held by the Germans in the morning. Two villages were totally destroyed. Railway communication between Lille and Charleroi is restored. The fortress of Péronne, in the Department of Somme, although almost destroyed by the bombardment, still holds out. A Havre telegram of the evening of Jan. 4 says the Prussians had attacked the French on the left bank of the Seine in force, but the result was not known.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

A London telegram says a Prussian courier, captured near the Belgian frontier by the French, had dispatches urging the United States to press the *Alabama* claims. The London Times of yesterday, in an article on the claims, says England only desires, by fair concessions and a frank allowance, to bring about a settlement of this foolish quarrel which alienates two great nations allied by blood and sympathy.... JULES FAVRE is said to have informed Count BISMARCK, through the medium of Mr. WASHBURNE, that he knows nothing of the European Conference, and will not leave Paris to attend it.... Baron von BEUST, in reply to the Prussian dispatch announcing the completion of German unity, and expressing the hope the good relations established by the Treaty of Prague may continue, acknowledges the Chancellor's friendly allusion to the treaty, but declines to enter into a discussion of its features. He says the restoration of the German Empire is an act of historical significance and paramount importance, and is received with satisfaction by the people of Austria, and is personally gratifying to the Emperor FRANCIS JOSEPH.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, several new bills were introduced, one of them providing for receivers to examine into the sanitary, industrial and educational condition of the Indians, and another making the rules as to the competency of witnesses in State Courts also applicable in the Federal tribunals. A resolution was adopted calling for the last correspondence between Mr. MOTLEY and the State Department, including the telegraphic dispatches relating to his recall. A Select Committee was appointed to investigate the charges of blockade-running recently made against Senator SPRAGUE, and Mr. TRUMBULL's Civil Service bill was made the special order for Monday next. The debate on Dr. EGE's claim for compensation for a house destroyed at Paducah, Ky., by order of a Federal officer, was then continued, the point in controversy being whether the property was taken for public uses in a sense that entitled the owner to compensation from the Government. The discussion was carried on mainly by Messrs. EDMUNDS of Vermont, POOL of North Carolina, CAMERON and HOWE of Wisconsin, MORTON of Indiana, FLANAGAN of Texas, and DAVIS of Kentucky. At its close a vote was taken on the bill to pay Dr. EGE $25,000 for the destruction of his property, which resulted in its passage, 32 to 15.

In the House, Mr. SCHENCK's letter of resignation was read, and a bill introduced and immediately passed giving him an extra allowance of $5,000 a year, as Minister to England, for the employment of an amanuensis, made necessary by an injury to his right hand incurred in battle. A memorial was submitted from the New-York Chamber of Commerce, asking for measures to facilitate the laying of a telegraphic cable across the Pacific Ocean. Among the new bills introduced was one by Mr. PAINE, of Wisconsin, authorizing the organization of corporations by general law for the construction and operation of railroads and telegraphs from Washington to other parts of the country. Reports on San Domingo, made during the Administrations of POLK and PIERCE, were called for, and then the resolutions relating to the dispute between Ex-Minister WASHBURN and the late Paraguayan authorities came up for consideration. The resolutions reported by the majority of the Committee on Foreign Affairs censure Admiral GORDON, and declare that the conduct of Paraguay was an insult to this country, and the discourtesy of the naval officers to members of the Legation should be inquired into. The minority of the Committee reported resolutions denouncing the arrest of BLISS and MASTERMAN, while under the American flag, condemning Mr. WASHBURN for submitting to insult, relieving Admiral GORDON from blame, and declaring that no legislation on the subject is necessary. The majority resolutions were supported by Mr. OTTO, of Indiana, and the minority by Mr. SWANN, of Maryland. The discussion will be continued today.

GENERAL.

It is announced in Boston that WILLIAM R. FLOYD is to be stage manager of the Globe Theatre; also that J. W. WALLACK and Mrs. CHANFRAU will appear as leading artists.

At the annual meeting of the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad Company in Cleveland, on Thursday, the following Board of Directors was elected: J. N. McCullough, Wellsville; G. W. Cass, Pittsburg; J. H. Devereux, R. F. Smith, Cleveland; Jay Gould, James Fisk, Jr., Wm. M. Tweed, Peter B. Sweeny, L. D. Rucker, Hugh Dunlap, Henry Harvey, New-York; Thos. A. Scott, Philadelphia.

T. H. PERKINS, a butcher, of Wakefield, Mass., was killed, on Wednesday evening, and his wagon smashed to pieces by a train, near Boston, on the Boston and Maine Railroad.

The failure of the firm of HALL, DAME & BULLOCK, wholesale dealers in woolen goods, on Summer-street, Boston, is announced.

The Selectmen of Newton, Mass., sustain Officer HILES in the shooting of one MURRAY, the other day, and have agreed to pay the expenses of his trial.

A general order has just been promulgated from the War Department making extensive transfers, assignments and musters out. Among the unassigned officers whose commissions have expired under the act of July 15, 1870, and who are honorably mustered out of service, are Lieut.-Cols. Charles J. Whiting and John N. Edie, Majors George A. Gordon, William Clinton, Joseph B. Collins, Ebenezer Gay, Samuel Ross, John M. Goodhue and Henry B. Rathbone, and a large number of Captains and First and Second Lieutenants.

The Supreme Court of California on Thursday reversed the decision of a lower Court in the case of The People *ex. Brady*, on the ground that the defendant was convicted on Chinese testimony, under the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution. The Court held that the Amendments cannot effect a State law regulating the practice in courts of law. Judge REDDY, Democrat, dissented.

The weather continues dry in California, and a strong desire is expressed for rain throughout the State.

Mr. CORCORAN, of Washington, has decided to a board of trustees and governors, a plot of ground, with the necessary buildings, for the establishment of an institution to maintain such "destitute but refined and educated gentlemen as may be admitted to its benefits." The institution is to be maintained by the donor's endowments.

Gov. CLAYTON, in his Message to the Arkansas Legislature, congratulates them on the prosperous condition of the State and on the dying out of old prejudices and animosities. He makes numerous suggestions for the reduction of taxes.

The Message of Gov. PALMER, of Illinois, was read in both Houses on Wednesday. The total State debt amounts to $4,806,287. The Senatorial question is still unsolved, and Gov. PALMER is mentioned as a compromise candidate between Gen. LOGAN and his opponents.

The Missouri House of Representatives organized yesterday by the election of B. F. C. WILSON, of Platt County, Democrat, for Speaker, and Democrats in all the other offices. In the Senate LEWIS GOTSCHALK, of St. Louis, "Liberal," was chosen Speaker over MORRISON, Democrat, and a Democrat for Secretary over the Republican candidate.

We print this morning a report of the proceedings of what is popularly known as the Committee of Tammany Republicans, and the speech of Mr. GREELEY on accepting its Chairmanship—reserving for another day an examination of the composition and policy of the Committee, and the reasons assigned by Mr. GREELEY for associating himself with it. We will only say now that the step taken by Mr. GREELEY will surprise large numbers of Republicans, and will be regarded with regret by those of them who are striving for a reorganization which shall purge the party of the influences which have so seriously impaired its usefulness and strength. The fact that this Committee and the State General Committee are at variance on essential points is incontestable, and it is unfortunate that a gentleman occupying Mr. GREELEY's position in the party, and wielding the influence with which his character, his abilities, and his prolonged service have invested him, should at this critical moment identify himself with the body whose membership and tactics have made it an object of distrust in the estimation of multitudes of stanch Republicans.

The "Favorite Son" of New-York.

We all remember the diffidence which suddenly troubled the Governor of this State during the recent canvass. If his life had depended on his silence, he could not possibly have said less. The paper whose retainer to the "Ring" he was the means of negotiating, announced every now and then that he was to make a speech at some political meeting or other. But this was only intended to attract the curious. Gov. HOFFMAN was too bashful to face the public. Had he shown himself, he might perhaps have been asked some questions about his manipulation of the Judges who sit at General Term, or in reference to the real nature of his connection with the Erie swindlers—and all such subjects are necessarily distasteful to a gentleman of fine sensibilities. So during the entire canvass the Governor hid himself like a hermit in his cell, and conversed with no one save TWEED, SWEENY and JAMES FISK, Jr., his guides on all matters of public importance.

When the Legislature met, the Governor was obliged to give some visible signs of life again, and his Message proves that, during his seclusion, his identity had become somewhat mixed. A large part of his Message seems to have been written under the idea that the last election was an election of President, and that Mr. JOHN T. HOFFMAN was the successful candidate. His words are those of a man who is rehearsing his inaugural address. The Mayor has declared that Tammany does not want HOFFMAN as President, but Mr. HOFFMAN himself is in the secret of that joke, and very likely saw the article renouncing him before it was published. He has, therefore, quietly skipped over a couple of years or so, and imagined himself comfortably installed in the White House. This course was convenient in many ways. It gave the public to understand that Gov. HOFFMAN still believes himself predestined to succeed Gen. GRANT. And it saved the Governor the trouble of addressing himself to any of those issues relating to the State or City Government, which involve him and his party in indelible disgrace.

One would suppose that a Governor of the State would feel himself obliged to recommend the redress of some of the grievances under which the community now labor. He knows very well that a large proportion of the money raised by local taxation flows into the pockets of four or five men, and sticks there, except when, at Christmas time, they let a few crumbs fall from their tables into the lap of Lazarus. He knows that shameful misgovernment is the rule in this City—that the reports of all the Departments are being dishonestly suppressed, that there is a very large deficiency in the Controller's Department, that a great public work like the Central Park is mapped out for division among the spoilers, that unparalleled acts of extravagance are daily committed. He is aware, for instance, that the New Court-house in this City has already cost more money than was required for the construction of the Erie Canal. He knows that justice has become a by-word in the higher Courts, and that Judges act in collusion with notorious swindlers. In fact, Gov. HOFFMAN placed those Judges where they are expressly in order that they might carry on this traffic. Yet on all these subjects the Governor is silent. His recommendations to the Legislature are confined to topics about which the Tweed cabal is absolutely indifferent. He talks about an underground railroad and the rinderpest. It is the *rollerpest* which New-York wants to be protected against, and on that subject the Governor's lips are sealed. He speaks only according to the brief put into his hands by SWEENY, and SWEENY by no means wishes the system of pillage, through which he has realized a large fortune, to be interfered with.

We are afraid the general public did not take the trouble to read the Message of the Governor; if they had, they would understand pretty well the man who is to be thrust forward in 1872 as the Tammany candidate for the Presidency. He is in sympathy with every device for withdrawing government from the people, and handing it over to the adventurers who have lifted him into his present position. He approves of wasting the public money on such orgies as that which took place last night under the title of the "American Club Ball"—a ball which cost not less than $50,000, as a journal publishing the Ring advertisements informs us, every dollar of which rightfully belongs to the tax-payers. There ought not to be much doubt about the fate of a man of this kind when he asks the people to elect him President of the United States. He might do for the positions held by GOULD or FISK, but for any post requiring the exercise of honor and good faith he has utterly disqualified himself.

Funding the Debt.

The Senate has passed a bill changing the terms of the Funding act, by authorizing an increase of the issue of five per cent. bonds from two to five hundred millions. The measure was introduced at the instance of the Secretary of the Treasury, who clings to the belief that it is possible even now to fund the public debt at a rate lower than the present. We take the change proposed as a confession of inability to float four or four and a half per cent. bonds. But is there any valid reason for believing that a five per cent. security will find a market, to any considerable extent, in this country or in Europe?

The Franco-German war was referred to by the Secretary, in his report, as the source of last year's obstacles to the funding scheme in Europe. Undoubtedly it engendered some difficulties and aggravated others, but it by no means explains the fact of failure. We never regarded success as among the immediate probabilities. Accepting the war, however, as a source of hindrance whose seriousness the Secretary admits, what likelihood is there of improvement for some time to come? Whether the conflict between France and Germany terminate soon or late, it is evident that neither of those countries will for some years be in a position to absorb more foreign securities. Their financial condition will be bad—in the case of France it will be deplorable; and the capitalists of both will have at home ample scope for the use of all the means at their command at rates above that fixed as the maximum for the funding of our bonds. In England their chance will not be much better. The London *Economist* recently showed that the greater part of the colonial and foreign stocks and bonds owned in Great Britain yield six or seven per cent.; and the current prices of most of them are fatal to the expectation that a five per cent. United States bond can be sold there at par. Besides, it is reasonably certain that the financial exigencies of England, consequent upon the military and naval plans of its Government, and the distrust growing out of wide-spread international complications, will still further diminish the marketability of a five per cent. American bond.

Is the prospect any better in this country? Is it supposed that a large amount of five per cents. can now be disposed of in Wall-street, or that investors, large or small, in other parts of the country will be content with that rate of interest? We know that, practically, money in the Atlantic and Middle States is worth seventeen per cent., and that in the West and South there is no difficulty in obtaining good security at twelve to eighteen per cent. Look at the bonds now being placed upon the Eastern markets. The majority are seven per cent. in gold, or eight per cent. in currency; bonds presented under very strong auspices, yielding 9.60 per cent. in coin. The idea that, with money at its present value, a five per cent. security will be sought with the avidity which the Secretary anticipates, seems to us delusive.

This is, in truth, confessed when the promoters of funding propose to make the acceptance of the bonds by banks and other moneyed institutions compulsory. One argument which we have seen in print suggests not only that the national banks shall be compelled to take these bonds, in consideration of the removal of the tax on circulation, but that savings banks and other institutions of a kindred character shall also be required to invest their surplus funds in them. Such an interference with the most popular of provident institutions is utterly inexcusable; and the mere suggestion of it reveals the weakness of any plan of funding at the rates contemplated.

The Voice of Fate.

The Greeks had a laughing and a weeping philosopher among their early sages. The moderns are happy in the possession of two interpreters of the mysteries of the starry scroll, whose attributes are somewhat similarly contrasted. When we lately adverted to the oracular utterances of the prophetic "ZADKIEL," we were under the impression that he was the only real and original astrologer vouchsafed to this skeptical age. We find, however, his claims disputed by another hoary-headed seer, who has adopted the celestial name of "RAPHAEL," and who announces himself on the title-page of his fifty-first annual "prophetic messenger" as "the astrologer of the nineteenth century." We would not have it understood that we consider ZADKIEL's predictions as lively reading, but truth compels us to say that, when compared with those of his venerable rival, they are vivacity itself. By way of preparing the mind of the reader for the harrowing details of what the stars reveal concerning 1871, the sagacious RAPHAEL has furnished a colored tableau, which he calls a hieroglyphic, and the interpretation of which he discreetly postpones till this time next year. The most uninstructed observer may see at a glance that the picture, like the prologue to *Hamlet's* play, "means mischief." A grisly skeleton, pointing with bony fingers to three unfortunates, who are making wry faces on heaped pallets; a coffin, painted scarlet; a young man in Greek costume, kneeling, and apparently in tears; a young woman, slenderly attired, unmistakably sobbing; a ship of war on fire; an eagle screaming, and three military-looking gentlemen seated at a table, and, apparently, playing a game at draw-poker on the top of the map of Europe—such are a few of the cheerful ingredients of the suggestive frontispiece.

The text is quite as sombre as the illustration. In January we have such encouraging sentences as "woe to the Parisians," "the Prussian monarch will soon be humbled," and in February certain dangers are predicted for King WILLIAM, "if alive." During the succeeding months we have intermittent doses of "anarchy and bloodshed," "dark days for Europe," "woe to the Grand Turk, and to the King of Italy," and, indeed, to nearly every potentate in Europe. In August, the wailing RAPHAEL gives us a welcome relief by indorsing ZADKIEL's prediction of flourishing trade for New-York, and other cities under *Cancer*. Let Wall-street look to it, however, for the indications point to "grievous losses attending speculation." September finds "a warlike tendency manifested in Russia," and October sees Prussia joined with her in attempts which tend to the ultimate loss of British India. The year is to end as it began, in clouds and gloom. "Depression of trade," "a scarcity of money and employment," "also cases of garrotting and highway robbery," are the sombre though rather commonplace features of December. By way of relief, we turn to the "table of celestial influences," wherein is set down the good or evil tendency of each day in the year, as prefigured by the aspects of the planets. Here the promise of 1871 is as discouraging as ever. There are, on an average, about twenty days in each month set down as unlucky for most kinds of important business. Those about to marry will find this astrological "guide, philosopher and friend" give them on about eight days every month the emphatic advice—"don't." At intervals some specially unfortunate day is labeled in small capitals, "Evil, beware!" Aware of the perversity of human nature, the philosopher sometimes gives a qualified piece of advice like this: "Marry if thou wilt, but the influences are conflicting." Again, he lends the sanction of his authority to such wise maxims as the following: "Beware of rushing into law," "be very guarded with women," "avoid dispute and excitement toward evening," though why such advice should be specially applicable to any single day in the year, he does not attempt to explain.

Those who entertain any doubts of the correctness of RAPHAEL's reading of the starry signs, can readily test it by finding out whether, on the whole, Monday last was "fortunate for surgeons, but not very favorable for courtship," and whether today will answer to its description of "much uncertainty abounds and thwarts thy efforts." Should these pregnant sentences be found to be of a kind calculated to repay the trouble of consulting the stars, then the reader may, by communicating with the oracular "RAPHAEL," become alive to the great benefits "that may be realized in the ordinary walks through life, by the computation of his or her nativity with the arcs of direction." In this way the events of each revolving year may be traced out from the horoscope of the anxious inquirer; every conceivable contingency may be provided against, and an invaluable knowledge of the intentions of the stars may enable their subject to defeat their maleficent influences, and so, in the most unmistakable way, control his own destiny. For the benefit of inquirers it may be noted that "RAPHAEL" furnishes prospectus and terms on application. In an age when so many humbugs flourish, this particular specimen of the genus doubtless finds people who are idiotic enough to suppose that the secrets of the future are all miraculously revealed to him.

The New Crusade.

We have already expressed the conviction that the successful establishment of the French Republic would form a new epoch in European history. "The wars of kings are finished, those of the people are going to begin," wrote MAZZINI twenty-one years ago. The great revolutionist was somewhat premature in his announcement, but sexagenarian as he is, he may yet live to find his words fulfilled. We have it on the authority of the *North German Correspondent*, the organ of Count BISMARCK, that MAZZINI is the constant companion and adviser of M. GAMBETTA, and that, in concert with MIEROSLAWSKI and others, whom the German print dismisses under the comprehensive title of "monomaniacs," he is not only the cause of French Republicanism, but is also propagating that idea, whose spectre haunts every royal couch in Europe—the Universal Republic. Americans know something of the vast organization founded by MAZZINI in 1805, and popularly known as the Universal Republican Alliance. For more than forty years the great Italian has dreamed and schemed and organized. He has been laughed at as an enthusiast, hunted down as an outlaw, and feared by nearly every Government in Europe. But he has lived to see his dreams become waking realities, and to watch a great monarchy arise out of an impulse which originated in his creative brain. He cherished the thought of a united Italy when he was almost alone in believing it to be possible. A generation has been sufficient to make his idea a tangible fact. He was then, as now, the greatest apostle of the propaganda of a universal republic. The master conception has flourished like the other, and already shows signs of beginning to fructify. Count BISMARCK has faced the revolution before, and hates it with all the intensity of a nature in which the mediæval *junker* has so large a share. But he is wiser than his zealous organ in knowing that "a great historical burlesque" does not fitly describe the struggle which France is waging, and that the men who direct her destinies are something more than "a cosmopolitan committee of Utopian theorists."

Many who are familiar with the fertile and commanding intellect of MAZZINI may never have heard of MIERSOLAWSKI, who, according to the same authority, is also a member of "the strolling company which has lately left Tours for Bordeaux." Born in France, of a Polish father and a French mother, he fought, at the age of seventeen, and again, sixteen years later, for the liberty of Poland; he was rescued from a condemned cell in Berlin by the revolutionary citizens of 1848; he faced the troops of Prussia, at the head of the Pomeranian peasantry, was again a revolutionary leader in Sicily, then in Baden, where it needed the Prince of Prussia, with 60,000 men, to reduce the intrepid General of the people; in 1863 he was again in Poland, at the head of an insurrectionary movement, and now this child of revolutionary struggle has again found his element, and is busy with his accumulated experience and his contagious enthusiasm in animating a nation with the unfaltering resistance of freemen. That the "Cosmopolitan Committee" is regarded with something more than annoyance at Versailles, is obvious from the tone of the Berlin semi-official sheet. The subject is discussed by the *Correspondent* with an amount of acrimony and unfairness somewhat unusual in its generally respectable columns. Some absurd resolutions of the Red Republicans of Lyons are, quite gratuitously, ascribed to the influence of MAZZINI, and the existing Government of France is characterized as "a bastard offspring of terrorism and anarchy." Whatever of such elements may exist in France, it is clear to all impartial observers that the Prussians have at least half the responsibility of causing them; and the consistent way in which Count BISMARCK's organ strives to belittle the existing phase of the struggle, and all connected with it, is a confession of weakness in the proportion that it is disingenuous.

Have We Any Burglars?

If the breaking up of the two desperate and skillful gangs of burglars who have for a long time past been at work in Brooklyn and Westchester, causes citizens of those localities to breathe more freely, it reveals also, with most unpleasant distinctness, the extent of the danger to which our lives and our property are constantly exposed. At this very moment other gangs—as numerous, as skillful, as desperate, but more fortunate than these—are undoubtedly plotting against the peace and safety of our own citizens. Houses are "spotted" here like those nine chosen ones in Brooklyn, but, unlike those, their dwellers will be first made aware of the distinction by the sudden sweep of the robbers, or the disappearance of the booty,—lucky indeed if the dangerous knowledge is not bought at the cost of life. New-York has "capitalists" also, not less shrewd than Brooklyn financiers, who know a good thing when they see it, and who will not let deserving "cracksmen" be idle for want of a trifling advance. The Westchester gang, it is estimated, collected in the past few months, from residents of that county and the adjacent district of New-Jersey, property to the value of nearly $30,000. There need be no limit to the earnings of energetic and experienced operators, working under all the advantages which our peculiar system of municipal government offers, and cheered and encouraged by the shining examples of such accomplished masters of their craft as the magnates of the Ring.

And yet it is so much easier, more lucrative, and less dangerous to exercise their abilities in the political career, that we wonder all sensible burglars have not long ago adopted it. We say dangerous, for although of course no well-disciplined policeman will fire on a gentleman who may possibly have him discharged for the discourtesy, private citizens are sometimes less generous, and show a carelessness in the handling of firearms which detracts a little from the pleasures of midnight marauding. But, from a snug berth in a civic office, a keen workman may "crack" all the "cribs" in the municipal treasury without any risk whatever. Conscientious service, as Deputy Sheriff or Court Marshal, for example, he will find so like the real thing he has been accustomed to that he will inevitably take his "jimmy" to levy an execution, and catch himself serving an attachment with a jack-screw instead of a writ. Assessments he will discover to be such downright robbery as would rejoice the most inveterate bandit's heart, and about the whole system of our City Government he will scent an air of general reality which he may breathe with entire freedom. Why, then, should we have any burglars?

The Beginning of the End.

The declaration of independence by Roumania may be regarded as the first approach in that line of attack which we ventured to predict as the probable course of Russia, at the time of her first bringing the Black Sea question on the tapis. The formal disintegration of the Mussulman Empire has commenced, and though the Porte would doubtless have no difficulty in suppressing any movement by the demoralized and corrupted descendants of the Imperial cohorts of old and rotten Rome—who have kept the worst of her vices and none of her power—it will not find it so easy to subdue the Servians, who will move next, with the Montenegrins and other Sclavonic tribes,—all resolute, hardy, and implacable in their detestation of their Turkish masters. Other movements, in the interior of Asia Minor, in the Lebanon difficulties with Persia, will come in to complicate the question and divide the forces of the Sultan; and, if the maritime Powers do not intervene for the help of the Ottoman Empire, Egypt and the African Provinces will follow in declaration of independence.

All these movements have their direction from St. Petersburg, and will not lack good direction and support. Their defeat implies the defeat of Russia. This makes the alternatives of solution well worth watching by the whole civilized world. If the Sultan fights the Roumanians, he must fight on every side. The Christian tribes will rise together, and if he does not receive European help, he must declare a religious war, arouse the fanaticism of the tribes and call up the old element of military vigor of the Ottoman, give loose rein to the instincts of barbarism, and take the consequences. It is a forlorn hope, and offers small chance of success; but it is the only hope.

If the Powers, particularly Austria, which are interested in the maintenance of the present condition, move to aid the Sultan, they must do so under the evident obloquy of aiding to oppress the Christian subjects of the Turk; and though the interests of true Christianity have far less to fear from Turkish intolerance than from Russian, the prejudices of Christendom will operate to paralyze the friends of Turkey. If they remain idle, the fight between the provinces and their Suzerain would be always a close one, with the chance liable to be made certainty by the action of Russia. The Sultan must either finally surrender unconditionally to the Czar, and hold his empire on the terms of the latter, or die fighting. We have already shown that either of these alternatives extinguishes the future of Austria.

It goes further—it closes the Black Sea, practically, to the whole world. The works at Poti, represented by the correspondence of one of the morning papers as a substitute for Sebastopol, have nothing to do with any strategical combination to replace the Crimean strong hold. They are the defenses of the line of communication between the Black and Caspian Seas, to be made now by rail, and later by a canal which shall connect the two seas, and flooding the Caspian, ultimately raise it about 150 feet, re-covering the great steppes of the valley of the Oxus with water, and bringing navigation to within a few hundred miles of Balkh. Time steamers may start from Nicholaieff and land troops or supplies within a few days' march of the passes of the Himalayas, and so turn all the defenses of Turkey, arming Persia, and invading the very centre of Asia. There is nothing impracticable or even difficult in this magnificent scheme, as a glance at the map will show. The surveys for this canal have been made for years past.

But to secure the way, the Dardanelles must be under the control of Russia, that the works may be free from danger of attack at any future time. This canal will require years of labor, and, to realize the full benefit, the inflow of water from the Black Sea and Mediterranean will require another long period, during which successful invasion of the Black Sea would destroy the whole enterprise.

This is the prospect involved by the surrender of Turkey to Russia. The latter has no interest to *brusquer les choses*. A religious war would certainly end in the extermination of the Turk, without armed intervention from Russia. A long and exhausting struggle between Sultan and vassal would leave the Czar easy possession of the whole; and in either case he risks nothing, always holding the power to end the struggle on his own terms, which are really exclusive possession of the Black Sea and the road to Central Asia, and final annexation of all European Turkey, which is needed to make the Mediterranean route complete.

If, on the other hand, the Treaty Powers prepare to defend the Treaty of 1856, even by the support of Turkey in her Suzerain rights, Russia is ready for a war to maintain the rebellious provinces, and the whole of Europe must be involved in the struggle. Everything depends on the action of England. If, treating Prussia and Russia as they really are, as allied enemies of her interests as well as those of all the remainder of Europe, she should, even yet, organize a combination of the minor Powers north of the French frontier, she might menace the Prussian lines of communication with 400,000 Danish, Dutch, Belgian and English troops, compel the raising of the siege of Paris, and possibly drive the Prussians across the Rhine, while Austria held the Czar in check until the auxiliaries could be sent from the west, and the question might finally be settled on the Danube. But it is almost safe to say that England will do as she always has done—put off the evil day and still not escape it.

MINOR TOPICS.

While in the upper Courts of our City chicanery and corruption seem to rule, it is consolatory to find that in some of the lower ones these inconsistently rested and a good substantial article of old-fashioned justice. At the Special Sessions a day or two since, a German woman was tried on a charge of being a sea into a crowd of young ruffians who had assaulted her house with volleys of stones, and one of whom was seriously injured by the [illegible] she was acquitted, and Judge [illegible] in his charge to the Jury expressed the opinion that the woman was justified. Hitherto [illegible] would have [illegible] the [illegible] and if the [illegible] was [illegible] the [illegible] would [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] of

But it is felt almost universally that the country acted with great liberality toward them, and that it is entitled to a faithful fulfillment of the obligations they incurred. The actual gifts were large enough to satisfy reasonable claims; and the attempt to postpone the repayment of sums disbursed by the Government as interest on the bonds, and to virtually jeopardize the whole loan, is too flagrant to be tolerated. Mr. LAWRENCE's bill may be defective. But some bill with the same object in view is imperatively demanded.

It is satisfactory to receive from the Republican Governor of Arkansas assurances respecting the prosperous condition of the State, and "the dying out of old prejudices and animosities." The two conditions are almost inseparable. The greatest obstacles to Southern improvement, since the close of the war, have arisen from the antipathies and passions which it engendered. These have retarded industrial progress, and by repelling immigration from other parts of the Union, have prevented the restoration of confidence. As these disappear, prosperity returns. The undeveloped resources of Arkansas indicate it as one of the fields of enterprise toward which Northern energy and capital will soon be directed.

Illinois affords a fair example of the impossibility with which Western States are struggling themselves from debt, and of the marvelous growth which makes the effort comparatively easy. The total debt of the State, according to the Auditor, has been reduced to $2,000,000, and as there is in the Treasury $2,000,000, available for the discharge of outstanding obligations, it follows that the sum really to be provided for is considerably less than two millions. The fact speaks well for the riches of the State, and the good faith of its people. It is evident from Gov. PALMER's Message that the grasping tendencies of railroad corporations, and their resolution to control legislation by corrupt means, is becoming a question of some moment in the State, though what the Governor thinks upon the subject this telegraphic abstract does not enable us to discover.

"The early and improvident marriages of junior clerks" have greatly vexed the righteous souls of a London banking firm, and so the fiat has gone forth that no clerk receiving a smaller salary than $750, currency, shall marry, under pain of dismissal. It is interesting to know the precise limit at which it is considered possible in England to dress and live genteelly and face all the contingencies of matrimony. It would be equally interesting to discover whether the firm in question has ever maturely considered the sum necessary to qualify any of their young men as habitués of billiard and concert saloons, and whether they propose extending their exemplary legislation to meet such cases.

AMUSEMENTS.

Musical.

CHURCH MUSIC ASSOCIATION CONCERT.

The first concert of the second season of the Church Music Association occurred at Steinway Hall, Wednesday evening. It drew out the most fashionable audience assembled in that place this Winter, and one no likelier to be excelled in numbers than in brilliancy. We mention the fact, as it is creditable to a class of the community which is not usually thanked for encouragement of art. We do not, though, incline to the belief that music was the single element of attraction in the affairs of which the one we write of is the latest. An association whose influences can bring together so intelligent an assemblage, and secure the interpretation of a difficult, fresh and varied programme, can scarcely be censured, however, if an unmixed gathering of *dilettanti* is not within call. The selections on Wednesday night, were deserving of hearty admiration, and the general execution was exceedingly good. A pamphlet, prepared with care and judgment, went far, no doubt, toward directing attention to the prominent traits of the music performed, and the work of the orchestra was appreciated to a great extent, though it did not evoke the demonstrations of approval less worthy efforts have often elicited. The overture to "Lurline," the opening piece of the evening, has never been played with equal sentiment, variety and precision before. It was done by an orchestra seventy strong, the string instruments numbering almost fifty, and these being used in a manner rarely noticeable in kindred entertainments. The collegiate music of the concert consisted of HAYDN's "Third," or "Imperial Mass," which was specially composed for the coronation of JOSEPH II., Emperor of Austria. It is claimed by the compilers already alluded to, that "it displays the genius of HAYDN from a most favorable point of view. The peculiar characteristics of the composer are strongly portrayed through all the movements. It is joyous and sympathetic, and although surrounded by pomp and the circumstances of grandeur and solemnity, it is neither superficial nor merely popular. Its pieces are imbued with solemn and religious feeling, and elevated by a lofty style." With these characteristics allowed it, the fitness of the composition for introduction to the public is apparent. The florid music, particularly, had the fullest justice at the hands of Mme. ANNA BISHOP, while Mrs. JENNY KEMPTON sang well, though not with the consummate art of the soprano. Neither Mr. W. H. LEGGAT nor Mr. H. P. DAKES, were at all prominent for voice or for method. The choruses were sung with praiseworthy correctness. The orchestra, happily, has a large share in the recitation of the Mass, and the elaborate instrumentation of the themes, strengthened by a judicious addition of brass and wood to the instruments exacted by the original score, was given its greatest effect by the orchestra. The second part of the concert was occupied by the rendering of the music to "Preciosa," by CARL MARIA VON WEBER. Thoroughly well known in Germany and in England, this work of the composer of "Oberon" only became common property in France a few years since. We are satisfied that hardly four score of the audience, previous to yesterday, were familiar with its beauties. The pieces chosen were the Gypsy march and chorus, "Hail, Precious;" the melodrama, by *Preciosa*, "Softly Twilight is Descending;" the Ballo; the Gypsy chorus, "The Woods, The Woods;" the aria, by *Preciosa*, "Not Alone, Although Secluded;" the "Music Behind the Scenes;" the chorus of Gypsies, "The Sun Awakes;" the Spanish national dance music; and the chorus, "The Stars are so Brilliantly Shining." The delicious overture was capitally recited; the chorus "Hail Precious" was sung with unquestionable spirit, and in the Gypsy chorus, "The Woods, the Woods," the executants only wanted a little self-reliance and accompanying freedom of delivery to be as perfect as could be desired. The single solo of the second part, *Preciosa's* aria, "Not Alone though Secluded," was repeated by Mrs. KEMPTON, in deference to an unanimous demand. Before closing this account of the concert, it must be said that the orchestra and chorus had been rehearsed, and were directed as hitherto by Dr. JAMES PECH.

CONCERT AT ASSOCIATION HALL.

A concert was given by Signor A. L. MORA at Association Hall last evening for the benefit of the Church of the Holy Savior. The audience was a large, and may be termed also without impropriety, a fashionable one. The request for "evening dress" was literally complied with, and some of the toilets were exceedingly elaborate and elegant. Mr. MORA had worked faithfully to make this concert successful, and the result reflects considerable credit on him and on those associated with him. The names of GAZZANIGA, LEFRANC, TEDESCA and MILES were sufficiently powerful to insure a thoroughly good concert. But the programme was entirely too long. It may have been eminently proper to tax the purse of an audience for the benefit of a church, but it can hardly be considered fair to tax their patience also. Miss GRAZIELLA RIDGWAY, a young lady with a clear and sympathetic voice of much promise, added considerably to the pleasure of the evening by the spirit and feeling with which she rendered a charming little song called "She Wandered Down the Mountain Side." Signor LEFRANC, though laboring under the disadvantage of a slight cold, won an enthusiastic encore by his interpretation of the "Cantique de Noel." Mr. MILES' absence was amply atoned for by the presence of Miss MARIE KREBS, whose skill and merit as a pianist are readily admitted by all who have heard her. Miss TEDESCA will easily rank among the best of lady violinists, and she rendered in an exceedingly finished manner a difficult concerto by DE BERIOT, and a fantasia by VIEUXTEMPS. Signor CENTEMERI, whose voice is too seldom heard in the concert-room, sang a solo from MEYERBEER's "Pardon de Ploermel." The organ was, of course, dragged into the programme, and even Mr. MORA's abilities as an executant could not prevent it from marring the magnificent trio from "William Tell," which was in some respects the choicest piece on the bill. The instrument is a poor one, and the transcription from "Don Juan," while allowing an opportunity for some good pedal playing and rapid changing of the stops, was but a parody of an original. It might as well have been played on a hurdy-gurdy as on the box of whistles in Association Hall, so far as really good music is concerned. The overture to "Semiramide" scores, we are told, to be a "style of composition which the public believes suited to the organ," and as long as it does, plenty of organists will be found ready to gratify its taste in this direction. As a whole, the concert was exceedingly enjoyable, and we take pleasure in recording its success.

ITALIAN OPERA.

The performances of "Il Trovatore," offered for the first time on Wednesday, will be repeated at the Fourteenth-street Theatre this evening.

Theatrical.

LINA EDWIN'S THEATRE.

Mr. BROUGH's "Kind to a Fault" is now acted at Lina Edwin's Theatre as a preface to the burlesque of "Aladdin." This work is a two-act farce rather than a comedy. In moral, it reminds one strongly of "Everybody's Friend," though the story is by no means as freshly or as wittily told. *Mr. Frank Goldworthy*, like *Mr. John Poulteney*, is forever involved in difficulties growing out of a desire to serve acquaintances and strangers. If real life abounded in similar scenes, we fear that the vow which both the persons mentioned make—a vow never to do a good action again—would be frequently recorded and always fulfilled. A pleasant termination, however, is reserved for *Mr. Goldworthy's* numerous imbroglios, and their creation and development, are so cleverly exhibited by author and by actors, that the merriment is in inverse proportion to the peril of the good-natured fellow's position. Mr. H. W. Lellingwell, Mr. J. L. Hall, Mr. E. A. Eberle and Misses Lina Edwin and Belle Howitt perform "Kind to a Fault" with brackness, and therefore with the best attainable effect. The same programme will be interpreted to-night and at the matinée on Saturday. Saturday evening "Jack Sheppard" and "Aladdin" will be represented, the entertainment being offered for the benefit of Miss LINA EDWIN. Monday, Mr. DOMINICK MURRAY will begin an engagement.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.

The last performances of "The Forty Thieves" are to be attended at Wood's to-night and to-morrow afternoon and evening. Monday, the burlesque of "St. George and the Dragon" will be brought out.

THE AMERICUS CLUB BALL.

The "Tiger" Entertains Its Prey—A Costly and Extravagant Entertainment.

Irving-place was blocked up last night, and the Academy and Irving Hall were made one for the happy occasion of the Americus Club Ball—an architectural wedding which symbolized, said the apt and classical TWEED, over his frothy *petit verre* in the Committee Room, the union of the great Tammany power with the smaller offshoot that vainly essayed the task of toppling over the Americus Beast and its Tammany Temple of Baal.

HOW THE TIGER GOT "SHINY."

The point where twilight ceased and gas-light began last night in the vicinity of Irving place, is a matter of deep doubt to the astronomers of the neighborhood. Calcium lights flared and sputtered in early rivalry with the sunlight, and gas-lights illuminated the streets about the blazing lair of the wild animal, so that there was not a moment of gloom. Immense, indeed, were the Police on this glorious occasion. They wrangled with the hackmen, they slammed the doors of hacks, they bullied small boys with airs of Imperial Cæsars.

BROAD CONTRASTS.

The crowd of spectators clustered thickly on the outer edge of the segment of light which was cast upon the stones in front of the rolling carriages. The poor Tweedites gathered to witness the master's grandeur—to feast their eyes on the riches that they might give, but could not share.

Within the buildings of course TWEED and the rest had made the "money fly." There was a gaudy show of paint and flowers, and festoons and banners, and gas-jets and scenery. There were lights everywhere—rows of them, clusters of them—some representing the insignia of the "Tiger," others conveying suggestions of "Big Six" in their flaming intensity, and others again, in alphabetical convolutions, "speaking a piece" in their sassy way, which way was peculiarly in keeping with the style of the managers. Everything was light above, below and around, and sympathetic Nature furnished light heads and light hearts to fill out the picture with appropriate effects. Then there were Canary birds everywhere, in gilded cages, singing appropriately in silvery notes. The stage of the Academy was set with a prodigal hand. The flat represented Greenwich, with "Boss" TWEED's yacht in a prominent place. The Club-house suggested a sugar palace, and the bank on which it was placed was marvelously like chocolate ice-cream, tapering off presently in the middle distance to a fruit cake.

Irving Hall, however, went several degrees ahead, not only of the Academy, but of any hall, bower or hall-room ever thrown open to the public of New-York. The Hall was approached by a spacious double passageway across Irving-place. The interior of this passageway was decorated with evergreens, flowers and gracefully-disposed flags. In the Hall itself, the walls were almost completely hidden with festoons of evergreens, and flowers in profusion. Four fountains shot up a spray of the rarest perfume. In the middle of the ceiling was a bower of simple, lighted by a chandelier, and inclosing another and still larger fountain of Cologne water. Here a band played during the evening, no dancing being allowed here, and no one not in full dress being permitted to gain access to the floor.

The people who were present were remarkable in many ways. The stream of arrivals began at 8 o'clock, and at 12 was still under full headway, the hot rooms being filled to overflowing, the check-takers frantic in despair. There was nothing like comfort to be had. Among the Tweedites most prominent was, of course, the "Boss" himself, the admiration of all beholders. Then there was Coroner YOUNG, keeping a sharp lookout for labor interests, and BARSFORD, with a careworn, willow-ware look on his usually cheerful brow, and Charley Loew, Garvey, Ben. Smith, "Oofty Goofty," John Vandercook, and the rest of the honest lads of the new school, in all the glory of blue coats and brass buttons, marching after their pursy "Boss" around and around Irving Hall, to the inspiriting "chune" of "Hail to the Chief." A smell of supper cookery pervaded the house from first to last, but "Hail to the Chief" was even more constant. It broke out everywhere where there was a band—and where was there not?—and grew, accompanied TWEED, who prowled, through the evening, on his triumphal tour, with a "bless you, my children," sort of air. The ball was nothing more nor less than a great ovation to TWEED, from the colored flunkeys at the entrance to the $10,000 "flats" at the back of the stage, with their accompanying gas-jets and the bowers of roses that everywhere met the gaze.

Even the canaries seemed to have been taught to sing only the praise of the "Boss," who had seen them for the purpose, just as he sees human birds of another feather when he wishes them to "sing small."

The public paid all the expenses of the "ovation," and no doubt they will be pleased to hear that the Tweedites enjoyed their holiday to their heart's content, and got drunk after 12 o'clock with great resignation.

WEST POINT.

The Case of Cadet Smith—Charge and Specifications of the Court—Semi-Annual Examinations—Flight of Three Cadets Who had Violated Their Pledges—The Suicide of Mr. Smith.

From Our Special Correspondent.

WEST POINT, Thursday, Jan. 5, 1871.

The Court-martial assembled and organized for the trial of the colored cadet, J. W. SMITH, and others, this morning. All the members were present. After the ceremony of swearing in the Court, the charges and specifications in the case of SMITH were read as follows:

Charge—Conduct unbecoming a cadet and a gentleman.

Specification 1—In this that he, Cadet JAMES W. SMITH, United States Military Academy, having been reported on the 12th of December, 1870, for inattention in ranks, and failing to keep head and eyes in proper direction while the guard was being dismissed, submitted a written explanation to the commandant of cadets, which contained false statements, intended to deceive the commandant, and to cause the erasure of the report.

Specification 2—That the said cadet, JAMES W. SMITH, in an official interview on the 17th of December, 1870, with the commandant of cadets, did state with reference to the previous report, and his explanations, that another cadet had told him to "keep his eyes out of their eyes," which statement was false.

Specification 3—That the said cadet, JAMES W. SMITH, in an official interview on the 17th of December, 1870, with the commandant of cadets, had stated that when in the ranks another cadet had made invidious remarks about him to the person standing next to him, viz.: "he (Cadet SMITH) is talking to Mr. ANDERSON, if he were to talk or speak to me I would knock him down," which was wholly unfounded, and was made with intent to deceive and to cause the erasure of the report.

At this juncture the Court was cleared, no reason being assigned. After an hour's deliberation the Court announced the postponement of SMITH's case until to-morrow morning. Cadet SMITH was in waiting, tidily dressed, calm and hopeful. Upon general topics he was exceedingly talkative, but whenever the subject of his court-martial was broached he was as once rigidly silent. Such of the officers on the post who have been interviewed, disclaim all official enmity or prejudice in the affair. But it requires no argument to show that their personal feelings are sorely against the accused. He realizes that against the prejudices of the 200 cadets, with the additional weight of nearly all the influence of their friends, his case is as almost a forlorn hope.

SEMI-ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS.

The regular semi-annual examinations are now in progress. Sessions will be held daily from 9 A. M. until 3 P. M., as follows:

The Fourth Class will be examined in Mathematics and French, before the entire Board, in No. 1, Academic Building; the other classes will be examined by committees.

The First Committee, consisting of the Instructor of Tactics, Professor of Philosophy, Professor of Drawing, Professor of Chemistry, Professor of Spanish, will continue sitting in No. 1, Academic Building, to examine the Second Class in Philosophy, Third Class in Spanish, Second Class in Chemistry, First Class in Mineralogy and Geology.

The Second Committee, consisting of the Professor of French, Professor of Mathematics, Professor of French, Professor of Ethics and Law, Instructor of Practical Military Engineering, Instructor of Ordnance and Gunnery, will sit in the Fencing Academy, and examine the Second Class in Mathematics, First Class in Engineering, First Class in Ethics and Law, Third Class in French.

OPENING CONCERT OF THE SEASON.

The band of the post announce that the first concert of the season will be given in the Library, if the weather permit, Jan. 7, commencing at 7½ P. M. The programme is:

1. Overture—"Franz Schubert." SUPPÉ. 2. Selection—"Don Carlos." VERDI. 3. Violin Solo—"Hungarian Rubini." ARTOT. 4. Our Fatherland. UNGER. 5. Ave Maria. SCHUBERT. 6. Overture—"Paragraph III." SUPPÉ. 7. Galop—"Bon Vivant." SKENNAGEL. Notes—None of the above have been hitherto played at West Point.

CASES IN HOSPITAL.

There are several interesting cases now in hospital; interesting because of their rarity and number. Cadets PERTHE and LEPOINT are confined with broken legs; Cadet BACON has recovered from a compound fracture of the thigh, and resumed duty. Several others are suffering from contusions caused by accidents in the cavalry drills. All these have been successfully treated by Surgeon PARRIN.

VIOLATIONS OF CADET PLEDGES.

Yesterday a number of cadets were reported for slight derelictions of duty. Among these were Cadets BARNUM, ARLINGTON and BAIRD, charged with the serious military offense of violating their pledge. Fearing the possibility of being Court-martialed, they "silently stole away," under cover of the midnight darkness, on Tuesday, and have not since been heard from. Such a triple flight has never before occurred at this Post, and, of course, excites no little comment. It is said that the result of an informal meeting of the commandant, officers, reviewing their conduct, hastened their departure. Violation of a cadet pledge is the most serious of offenses in the West Point community. Their names will be stricken from the Military Academy Register.

SUICIDE OF GILBERT SMITH.

The suicide of GILBERT SMITH, an elderly and esteemed citizen, at his residence, near here, on Monday morning, excites considerable sympathy. While his wife was preparing breakfast, he locked himself in the bedroom, and inflicted ten ghastly stab wounds upon his person, any one of which would have been fatal. Ill health and temporary insanity is the alleged cause of the tragic act. A. S. C.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

Election of State Officers in Maine—Inauguration of Gov. Perham—Massachusetts—How the Democrats Obtained Control of the Indiana Legislature—Message of Gov. Palmer, of Illinois—The Senatorship—The Struggle in Missouri—Arkansas.

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan. 5.—The Senate Committee on Gubernatorial votes reported that SIDNEY PERHAM has 51,901 votes, and CHARLES W. ROBERTS, 45,733, and there were 39 scattering. In convention of both Houses the State officers of last year were elected as follows: F. M. DREW, Secretary of State; THOMAS B. REED, Attorney-General; P. P. BURLEIGH, Land Agent; B. B. MURRAY, Adjutant-General, receiving an average of 136 votes to 35 for the Democratic candidates. The Governor was inaugurated at 12 o'clock today, and delivered his Message, which is almost wholly devoted to local matters. The State debt, he says, amounts to about $6,068,000. Of this sum, $600,000 becomes due the present year, and is provided for in the sinking fund. Economy in expenditure and light taxation are enjoined, and a continuation of the State pension to disabled soldiers and to the widows and orphans of those who fell in the service is recommended. The cause of education is especially commended. The State is paying about three-quarters of a million of dollars annually to support its common schools, which is about $3 a scholar, estimating the average attendance. Benefits are beginning to be realized from the normal schools. The claims of the Agricultural College, as an adjunct to our schools, are enlarged upon, and its usefulness in that respect is pointed out. On the subject of temperance and prohibition the Governor approves of legal enactments as auxiliaries to moral suasion in suppressing intemperance. He also advocated biennial elections of State officers and sessions of Legislature, and was of opinion that a biennial session would furnish ample opportunity for all the legislative interests the people and the State would require. He regrets the humiliating condition of the shipping interest, and earnestly hopes that Congress will, at an early day, remove the burdens under which it languishes. While not advocating a high tariff, he favors protection to industry; also modification of the present tariff. Revenue reform, in its practical sense, he favors, but he earnestly hopes no policy will be adopted that will degrade American labor, or lessen its reward. On the subject of the fisheries, the Governor says: "The course pursued by our neighbors of the Dominion in regard to the rights of our fishermen is exceedingly damaging to a business in which many citizens of this State are engaged, and calls for immediate action by the proper authorities. It is gratifying to know that the President of the United States is not unmindful of our interest in this regard. Whatever aid we can give him in determining at an early day the rights of American citizens on the waters where they have so long pursued this business should not be withheld. We earnestly desire to continue friendly relations with our neighbors. If, however, the indignities that have been offered should be repeated, it will become the duty of the Government to adopt such measures as may be necessary to enforce our rights."

MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON, Jan. 5.—The Massachusetts House today elected Rev. C. C. SEWELL, of Medford, Chaplain.

INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 5.—The Republicans at a caucus last night nominated MILTON GEORGE, of Putnam, for Clerk of the Senate, and Hon. O. N. WILSON, of this city, for Speaker of the House. Both branches of the Legislature organized this morning. In the House, all the Democratic caucus nominees for officers were elected, with Hon. WM. MACK, of Terre Haute, for Speaker. In the Senate, two Republican members were absent; and Hon. JAMES HUGHES, Senator from Monroe County, and Senator ELLIOTT, from the Connersville District, both elected on the Republican ticket, acted with the Democrats, thus giving the control of the organization to the Democrats. The officers elected are: Principal Secretary, W. R. HARRISON, of Morgan County, Democrat; Assistant-Secretary, J. W. COLE, Republican, and Door-keeper, JAS. W. COOKERLY, Republican. When the Senatorial districts were called, in the organization, the admission of JAMES W. BURSON, from the Muncie District, was objected to from the Democratic side, on the ground of bribery and fraud in the election. The Lieutenant-Governor decided that the credentials being in proper form, and no regular contest presented, he could be sworn in, which was done. Immediately after the Senators were qualified, an appeal was taken from the decision of the Chair and sustained by a majority of the Senate, and after a long discussion a resolution was adopted declaring Mr. BURSON not entitled to vote, and referring his case to a select committee. This action, with the action of Messrs. HUGHES and ELLIOTT with the Democrats, gives the Democrats a majority of three in the Senate.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 5—Evening.—A joint resolution to amend the Constitution, for the purpose of preventing the payment of the Wabash and Erie Canal bonds, was introduced in the House; and a joint resolution was passed by both Houses to go into a joint convention on Tuesday next. The Governor's Message will be delivered to-morrow. The Republicans were unprepared for the action of the majority of the Senate, and were very indignant against HUGHES and ELLIOT for deserting them. Rumors are current that the Republican Senators will resign and go home.

ILLINOIS.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 4.—Gov. PALMER's Message has been sent to the Senate and read. It is of extraordinary length, filling up six and a half newspaper columns of the Senate proceedings. It is a plain treatise on the present condition of affairs in the State, discussing with boldness and decision those measures of reform which the new Constitution contemplates. It also contains a reasonable amount of statistical information. He discusses at great length the leading features of the new Constitution, saying the public judgment is that the Constitution now in force is admirably framed to correct abuses which had grown up under the former system of government; and that if its provisions are respected, it will secure to the State an efficient and economical administration. He discusses at considerable length the Constitutional provision which imposes restrictions and duties upon railroad corporations now existing and hereafter created. He says the demand that the State keep the power acting through the appropriate Department as determined by its Constitution, to control the management of railroad corporations, and to regulate the rates imposed by them as public common carriers, so as to prevent extortion, oppression and unjust discrimination against, or in favor of, localities or individuals; or to investigate their management and prevent the employment of vast sums of money, under their control, for purposes of corruption, is to assert that a power has grown up in the State greater than the State itself. The Auditor's report shows the finances of the State to be in a very satisfactory condition. The total State debt outstanding on the 30th of November was $4,390,937 30, and there is in the State Treasury, applicable to the payment of the public debt, $2,062,104 22, making the balance of the State debt, over and above the sum last mentioned, $1,808,833 08. This compartively small balance will be provided for without any additional taxation.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—There is no change in the status of the Senatorial contest at Springfield. Gen. LOGAN is the strongest candidate, and his principal competitor is Ex-Gov. OGLESBY. It is now understood that Gov. PALMER's name will be presented in the caucus, with the hope of securing a compromise on him. No time has been fixed for the caucus.

MISSOURI.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 5—Evening.—The Missouri Legislature organized today. In the House R. P. G. WILSON, of Platte County, Democrat, was elected Speaker over H. G. MELLING, Republican, by a vote of 84 to 50. For Clerk, DAVID SUTTON, of St. Louis, Democrat, was elected over J. J. L. COLBY, Republican, by a vote of 87 to 48. All the other officers are Democrats. In the Senate, LEWIS GATTSCHALK, of St. Louis, (Liberal,) was elected Speaker *pro tem.* over MORRISON, (Democrat,) by a vote of 17 to 16. For Secretary, HENDRICKS (Democrat) was elected over MOORE, (Republican.) The vote stood 18 to 14. The other officers are divided. Miss BELLE PITKATHSON was elected Engrossing Clerk unanimously.

ARKANSAS.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 5.—The *Avalanche* has a synopsis of Gov. CLAYTON's Message to the Arkansas Legislature. He congratulates them upon the prosperous condition of the State, the dying out of old prejudices and animosities, and recommends the reduction of taxes as a means to that end; the abolition and consolidation of certain offices; the limitation of taxes, including those of district schools; also the reduction of the number of Supreme Court Judges, and the abolition of the disfranchisement clause of the Constitution, the last two measures to be submitted to the people. He says the present encouraging condition of affairs fully warrants the carrying out his pledges made a year ago. He recommends the Legislature to dispensate with the appointing power now in his hands. He has made every effort to ferret out the parties who destroyed the State arms on the Mississippi River, and has ascertained the names of several concerned, but could find no one willing to make the necessary affidavit for the requisition on the Governor of Tennessee. The Message was received with applause.

Meterorlogical Record.

The following is the Signal Service report of the state of the weather and wind last night, Thursday, Jan. 5, at 11:35 o'clock:

Place of Observation.	Barometer corrected for Temperature.	Temperature.	Direction of Wind.	Velocity of Wind.	Force of the Wind.	State of the Weather
Augusta, Ga.	30.20	49	..	..	Calm.	Cloudy.
Baltimore	29.88	36	S. W.	W.	Brisk.	Cloudy.
Boston	29.70	47	S. W.	W.	Gentle.	Cloudy.
Buffalo	29.56	35	S. W.	..	Very brisk.	Lt. Rain.
Charleston	30.12	55	S.	..	Very brisk.	Clear.
Cheyenne	29.62	22	..	..	Calm.	Snow.
Chicago	29.62	33	..	..	Very brisk.	Cloudy.
Cincinnati	29.94	42	W.	..	Brisk.	Cloudy.
Cleveland	29.76	39	S. W.	..	Very gentle	Fair.
Detroit	29.71	30	W.	..	Gentle.	Cloudy.
Duluth	30.06	6	N. W.	..	Brisk.	Fair.
Key West	30.12	68	..	..	Calm.	Fair.
Lake City	30.12	58	..	..	Calm.	Clear.
Milwaukee	29.68	21	N. W.	..	High wind.	Fair.
Nashville	30.08	46	..	..	Very gentle	Lt. Rain.
New-Orleans	30.10	56	S. W.	..	Very gentle	Fair.
New-York	29.84	47	S.	..	Brisk.	Cloudy.
Omaha	30.17	26	N.	..	Brisk.	Clear.
Oswego	29.85	41	W.	..	Gentle.	Lt. Rain.
Philadelphia	29.89	41	S. W.	..	Very gentle	Cloudy.
Rochester, N.Y.	29.69	39	W.	..	Very high.	Fair.
Savannah	30.14	57	S. W.	..	Very gentle	Cloudy.
St. Paul	30.18	6	S. E.	..	Very gentle	Clear.
Toledo	29.80	34	N. W.	..	Very gentle	Cloudy.
Washington	30.04	50	S. W.	..	Brisk.	Cloudy.
Wilmington, N.C	30.09	55	S.	..	Very gentle	Cloudy.
Norfolk, Va.	30.01	53	S. E.	..	..	Lt. Rain

Barometer corrected for elevation and temperature.

Interesting Masonic Event—Installation of the Officers of Independent Royal Arch Lodge—Presentations and Other Ceremonies.

The ceremonies incident to the installation of the officers of Independent Royal Arch Lodge No. 2, F. and A. M., which occurred last evening at the lodge-room No. 840 Broadway, in this city, were of a most interesting character. The duties of the evening were most ably discharged by M. W. Grand Master JOHN H. ANTHON, who, as he imposed the solemn obligations usual on such occasions upon the various officers duly presented, while following the ritual in the main, so alluded to the responsibilities assumed, in language of his own, as to render the services particularly impressive. The Grand Master was assisted by R. W. CHARLES ROOME, who acted as Grand Marshal. Quite a large number of officers of the Grand Lodge, and other noted Masons were present. Among them the following: M. W. John W. Simons, Grand Treasurer; R. W. Janides M. Austin, Grand Secretary; R. W. Rev. F. C. Ewer, Grand Chaplain, (who was also installed Chaplain of the Lodge;) W. Samuel Jones, Past Master of Holland Lodge No. 9; W. Robt. Black, Past Master of Adytum Lodge No. 141, and others. About 300 Masons in all, were in attendance. After the installation, the retiring Master of the Lodge, W. CHARLES A. BUDD, was presented by M. W. Brother ANTHON in the name of the Lodge, with an expensive gold watch and chain, a series of resolutions elegantly engrossed and bound, and a Past Master's jewel of silver, the gift being formed of that inexpensive metal in accordance with an old and time-honored custom of the Lodge. Brother EDWARD MILLER, organist of the Lodge, was also presented with a costly jewel, an emblem of his office, as a mark of appreciation for his services from his brethren. A bountiful collation closed the affair, at which speeches were made, fraternal courtesies interchanged, and the festivities prolonged to a late hour. The names of the Master installed, W. HENRY D. WALKER, and the other officers of the Lodge, have already been published in the TIMES. The occasion last evening will be a marked one in the annals of the Lodge, and long remembered, especially from the fact that M. W. Brother ANTHON formerly occupied the chair in the East, as its official head.

Every Saturday, for the current week, is an excellent number. It has, among other attractions, a portrait of BRET HARTE, and a capital illustration by SOL EYTINGE, Jr., to that popular writer's well-known story of "Tennessee's Pardner." Mr. WINSLOW HOMER furnishes a full-page drawing of a Winter morning, "Shovelling Out," and there is a double-page view of the bridge now building across the Mississippi at St. Louis. The editorial articles are full of spirit and vigor, and altogether, the number is very creditable to the publishers.

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

THIRD SESSION.

SENATE.—WASHINGTON, Thursday, Jan. 5.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Bills were introduced and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. TIPTON, of Nebraska—Granting lands to aid in the reclamation of the desert lands in the Territory of Utah. Also, several bills incorporating and granting lands to companies to construct canals in Utah, for irrigation and other purposes.

By Mr. WILSON, of Massachusetts—To provide for the appointment of Inspectors in the Indian service, directing the President to nominate to the Senate six Inspectors of Indian Affairs, who, under the direction of the Interior Department, and at a salary of $4,000 each per annum, are to visit the Indian tribes and inspect their military, industrial and educational condition.

By Mr. THURMAN, of Ohio—Relating to the competency of witnesses in United States Courts, and before United States Commissioners, providing that in all civil and criminal cases before Courts and Tribunals, the same rules as to the competency of witnesses shall prevail as those in force in the respective State Courts.

TAX ON INSURANCE COMPANIES.

Mr. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Finance, reported, without amendment, the bill relating to internal taxes recently introduced by Mr. BUCKINGHAM, and it reads, in brief, provides that hereafter no tax shall be imposed or collected upon any unfeitrutable sum added to the contingent fund of any insurance company, nor upon unearned premiums received for risks assumed.

CLAIMS OF THE CHOCTAWS.

Mr. DAVIS, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, made a report concurring in the opinion of the Attorney-General, that the United States is bound by treaty obligations to issue to the Choctaw Indians $300,000 of bonds. He also reported a resolution, which was adopted, declaring the President to have power, without further legislation, to issue said bonds.

CORRESPONDENCE OF MR. MOTLEY.

Mr. MORTON, of Indiana, submitted a resolution requesting the President to communicate to the Senate, if not incompatible with the public interest, all correspondence between Mr. MOTLEY, as Minister to the Court of St. James, and the Department of State, together with such other dispatches or papers touching the subject matter to which such correspondence relates.

Mr. SUMNER, of Massachusetts, moved as an amendment to include all telegraphic dispatches and other communications relating to his recall.

After remarks by Messrs. EDMUNDS, of Vermont, and MORTON, of Indiana, in opposition to the amendment, as superfluous, it was agreed to upon a division by a vote of 20 to 17, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

THE SPRAGUE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE.

The Vice-President announced as a Select Committee to consider certain charges against Senator SPRAGUE, in connection with blockade-running in Texas during the rebellion, Messrs. Thurman of Ohio, Hamilton of Maine, Trumbull of Illinois, Howe of Wisconsin, and Willey of West Virginia.

VACANCIES FILLED.

The vacancies upon the Committees on Naval Affairs and the Pacific Railroad were filled by the appointment of Mr. JEWETT, the new Senator from Missouri.

THE CIVIL SERVICE BILL.

Mr. TRUMBULL's bill relieving Congressmen from importunity, and looking to reform in the civil service, was made the special order for Monday next.

DR. BEST'S CLAIM ALLOWED.

Upon the expiration of the morning hour, the Senate resumed the consideration of the claim for indemnity of J. Milton Best, of Kentucky, and Mr. BOUNDS, of Kentucky, delivered an argument adverse to the claim upon general principles, denying that the destruction of the premises as an act of self-preservation on the part of the Union garrison at Paducah came within the constitutional clause prohibiting public use of property except with compensation.

Mr. FOLSOM, of North Carolina, followed in support of the claim, upon the ground that the destruction of the claimant's house, being a means of defending and making more secure the Union fort, was a loss for which the Government was bound to make restitution. Replying to the argument of Mr. CARPENTER, of Wisconsin, that the Government of Paraguay was a violator of the law of nations, and a gross insult to the honor and dignity of the United States. They approve the action of the President in withdrawing Gen. Admiral MCKEAN, Gen. MCMAHON, from the Government of Paraguay, and in declining to have further diplomatic intercourse with that Government; and they declare it to be clearly the duty of the United States naval officers on foreign stations to respect the flag and protection to the diplomatic officers of the United States in the discharge of their duties, and that a refusal or neglect to do so should be made to when required, or any discourtesy by such naval officers to persons such diplomatic officers should be the subject of inquiry and punishment by the Navy Department.

Mr. ORTH, of Indiana, moved an additional resolution disapproving the conduct of Rear-Admiral CHAS. H. DAVIS, in delaying for an unreasonable time to proceed to the rescue of Messrs BLISS and MASTERMAN, in accepting their release in the manner and under the circumstances as detailed in the testimony, and receiving, holding and keeping the same.

The resolutions offered by Mr. SWANN, of Maryland, from the minority of the Committee, denounce the arrest and detention of Messrs. BLISS and MASTERMAN, while under the protection of the American flag, as an outrage which demanded prompt and ample redress; condemn Mr. WASHBURN for having submitted to the insults of President LOPEZ and left Messrs. BLISS and MASTERMAN at the mercy of the Paraguayan authorities, and for having assumed a hostile or unfriendly attitude to said LOPEZ and the Paraguayan Government, and for having associated BLISS and MASTERMAN, both gentlemen and of doubtful reputation, with his Legation; relieve Admiral GODON and DAVIS of all blame, and declare that no legislation on the subject is required on the part of Congress.

The resolutions of the majority were advocated at considerable length by Mr. ORTH, of Indiana, and those of the minority at still greater length by Mr. SWANN, of Maryland. It was then agreed that the question should be further discussed to-morrow until 1½ o'clock, when the previous question is to be moved.

Fires Last Month.

From Fire-Marshal McSPEDON's report for December, 1870, it appears that there were 127 fires during the month, being the greatest number which have occurred in any month since the organization of the Bureau. These fires involved a total loss of $210,807. Losses amounting to $14,326 were uninsured, leaving an insured loss of $196,477 covered by an insurance of $1,000,000. The average loss per fire is $1,659 89, and the percentage of uninsured loss is 6 79. The following is a comparative statement of fire, loss and insurance:

	Dec., 1870.	Dec., 1869.
Fires	55	127
Loss	$181,807	$210,807
Insurance	141,800	1,000,000
Average loss per fire, December, 1869		$2,122 72
Average loss per fire, December, 1870		1,659 89

Nine persons were arrested for arson during the month, one was fully committed; two were discharged by Grand Jury; one was discharged by Judge COULTER; two were discharged by Judge LED

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

ENGLAND AND GERMANY.

A Nation's Loose Observance of the Neutrality Laws and the Possible Results.

From the London Times, Dec. 19.

Unless the most inexplicable changes in the relative position of the belligerents should have occurred before the conclusion of peace, *the German Empire will enjoy an undoubted predominance in the European system.* We do not say that if her ambition were to menace the freedom of the Continent, even an united Germany might not be successfully opposed by a coalition. But in the ordinary course of events, the Federation over which Kaiser WILHELM will bear rule must be stronger than any other of the Great Powers. With all our honest resolutions never to interfere needlessly in the politics of Europe, we cannot evade certain responsibilities and duties that we have taken upon us. We cannot hastily part with certain rights that we have acquired as members of the great civilized commonwealth of the Old World, and events may come to pass, in spite of our hopes and endeavors, which may bring us face to face with the necessity of resistance to German aggression. Such contingencies are not likely to disturb the peace that ought to subsist between near neighbors, kindred peoples, and natural allies; they are not excluded, however, from the range of possibility and of reasonable speculation. It is peculiarly unfortunate, therefore, that the lukewarm, timid, and short-sighted policy of Parliament should have allowed material for an angry feud between England and Germany to accumulate without a shadow of necessity. Sometimes for the preservation of national dignity or the security of large interests a people may be compelled to refuse concessions which are demanded jealously and suspiciously by another nation. A bitter dislike to the place of friendly feelings may thus be represented unavoidably; but, at all events, the national acquiescence of the suspected nation is clear. It is not so, however, when, from mere vacillation or want of firmness for purely private interests, a cause of quarrel is permitted to fester between friendly States. We have not yet healed the sore which *our forbidance in the case of the Alabama created in the public opinion of the United States;* but we have committed a similar mistake in the course of the present war, and with more serious results.

It was our duty, no less than our interest, to retain the friendship of Germany so far as we could do so without infringing our neutrality. We acknowledged the justice of the cause for which she went to war; yet became text-writers on International Law by the time we had fully written out the right of neutrals to export weapons and ammunition to belligerents, we took no steps to prevent the supply of military stores to France. On the strict ground of right we were, no doubt, secure against the charge which Count BISMARCK very reasonably urged and Lord GRANVILLE so skillfully parried. But *it has not been easy to persuade the Germans* that we abstained from strengthening our Neutrality laws out of veneration for the dicta of old-fashioned jurists. They incline not unnaturally to the belief that we permit the exportation of arms to France, because, two or three celebrated establishments for the manufacture of ordnance, as well as the rifle-factories and cartridge factories of Birmingham, saw the means of reaping a considerable harvest from the necessities of the French. It is, of course, unreasonable of the Germans to complain that the supply is confined to this side of the Channel, for the French Navy has been stronger than the German upon the high seas. But are national jealousies ever founded wholly on reason? Has there been no display of unreasonableness in the American difficulty? Whether rational or not, it nearly would have been true to recollection to say that, while it was the time, the jealousy of belligerents, and in a spirit of sincere solicitude for peace to avoid every means of irritating it. Before Parliament rose last session, we strongly enforced the same policy of restraining by special statute, or in default of it by the Foreign Enlistment act, all exportation of arms or ammunition to belligerents. The Government could not make up its mind to change the old landmarks; the export of rifles and cartridges to France has gone on ever since, though not to the extent that is supposed in Germany, and we now have ample proof that the great military Power in Europe has a grievance against us which it is be too flimsy to form a ground for war, is sufficient to exacerbate the popular feeling against us and *deprive us of all German sympathy and good will.*

So strong is the current of popular sentiment against this country that *German officers high in command have already begun to discuss with no little bonstrulness, the probability and the consequences of an invasion of England.* They hold, it seems, that such a venture would be "not only possible, but almost certain of success." Until the work of the armies investing Paris and operating on the Loire has been thoroughly got through, we may be excused for hesitating to accept the confident predictions of these eminent strategists, nor are we basely concerned to refute their conjectures, further than to offer them for the consideration of those who are responsible for our national defenses. But that the question of invading England should be debated at all in the German camp, while throughout Germany and throughout the German Armies a bitter animosity is rising against the country that supplies France with material for the prolongation of the war, is a fact of most serious import. Our correspondent who accompanied the German Army during the battle of Beaugency, adds its testimony to the widespread belief that *England, and England alone, is responsible for the assistance given to the French by the importation of war munitions.* A soldier engaged in breaking up the captured Chassepots was surprised to discover from our correspondent that the weapon, which he presumed to be of English manufacture was actually imported from New-York, as was proved by the maker's mark. It is quite true that we do not export to France more than a third of the quantity of arms and ammunition that is sent from the United States, and if it were possible to persuade every German peasant and every German soldier that this is so, we might diminish in some measure the indignation that prevails against what they regard as our hypocritical neutrality. But we cannot hope to dispel this error, to which we have given a certain sanction by refusing to prohibit the traffic that is the subject of complaint. The names of American manufacturers—REMINGTON and COLT, and the rest—are naturally presumed in Germany to be English names, and *we have all the discredit of a trade of which we are responsible for only a small share.* It is ascertained that the exportation from England is not considerable in amount, and the gain derived from it distributed among a few firms. It would, surely, have been wise at the counsels to make this traffic illegal than to incur *the risk and cost of another feud like that which the exploits of the Alabama have bequeathed to us.* It is too late now to remedy the mischief that has been done, but we may learn at least to provide against a similar mistake of the same sort. When the Sibyl's books are presented to us for the third time, we can hardly be foolish enough to decline the bargain.

JOHN BRIGHT.

His Resignation—Comments of the London Press.

The resignation of Mr. BRIGHT is formally announced on the 20th ult., and the papers of that date comment at length upon it.

The *Times* says that no public speaker of our time has hit so hard as Mr. BRIGHT, but Englishmen like hard hitting, so long as it is straightforward; and in spite of Mr. BRIGHT's vehement denunciations of the Tories they grew at length to like him far better than less outspoken adversaries. Both parties, therefore, felt that he ought to be in the Ministry, and welcomed his accession to office. Even Mr. GLADSTONE's hold on the country was materially augmented by the popular confidence reposed in Mr. BRIGHT, and he was not less powerful in the House of Commons. The Ministry have peculiar cause to lament his loss; for in the difficult decisions they have to make they can ill afford to dispense with the support of Mr. BRIGHT's authority. It is difficult to resist a remorseful feeling that we exact too much of our leading statesmen. Men of iron constitution may be able to stand it, but infinite services might be rendered to the country by men of less vigorous physical powers. There ought, perhaps, to be some more available means of securing for the public the public services of men who are not capable of the rough wear and tear of the life of a popular representative, and send a resource may some day be found in a better use of the Upper House of the Legislature. Meanwhile, we must all feel a personal regret when a man of Mr. BRIGHT's powers succumbs under the fact of serving us. As the best Irish a man receives but scant reward for his labors. He had no object of his own to serve. For the benefit of his country he has lavished the best service of a singularly fine intellect, and he has done so at a grievous personal sacrifice; but he may be assured that few public men have been followed into retirement by more earnest good wishes from all classes of their countrymen.

The *Daily News* remarks that Mr. BRIGHT's retirement has been prophesied in some quarters not very friendly either to himself or to the Administration which he has quitted, on the assumption that the subjects of foreign policy which have lately engaged public attention, and the question of domestic policy depending on them, must necessarily divide him in opinion from his colleagues. The authoritative statement published to day contradicts this gratuitous supposition. Whether Mr. BRIGHT holds as a practical precept, binding upon conduct, or as a counsel of perfection, the doctrine usually attributed to the religious body to which he belongs, of the absolute unlawfulness of war, it is no business of ours to inquire. But he was for two years a member of a Government which maintained armies and navies, and the question of more or less, of a hundred thousand, or of a hundred and fifty thousand men, is not one of principle. When he was first chosen member for Birmingham the Indian mutiny was still raging; and he distinctly avowed his readiness to acquiesce in the military measures needful for its suppression. His sympathy with the Northern States of America in the war is well known. Possibly the time may come when restored health may enable Mr. BRIGHT to return to the ministry. In the meantime it is the weaker for his absence. The original construction left the Radical, or advanced Liberal Party insufficiently represented in the Cabinet. Subsequent changes have not tended to correct that fault.

The *Post* observes that there is probably not a man in the country, be his politics what they may, who will not receive the intelligence with the deepest concern and regret. It is, however, matter of public satisfaction that Mr. BRIGHT's retirement from the Cabinet is a step taken wholly and solely on considerations a thing out of the state of his health, and is absolutely devoid of political significance.

MODERN HISTORY.

Another Secret Treaty—Negotiations Before the Capitulation of Metz.

The *Independant du Bastes Pyrenees* gives the following account of the negotiations carried on before the capitulation of Metz:

"Immediately after the capitulation of Sedan and the proclamation of the Republic, Count BISMARCK laid a treaty before the Emperor, of which the following were the bases: Cession of Strasbourg and part of Alsace, dismantling of Metz, abdication of the Emperor and regency of the Empress. The treaty had to be ratified by the Senate and the Corps Legislatif, who were to be called out by the Empress Regent at Chalons. The army of the Rhine was to be allowed to leave Metz with arms and baggage, under condition not to fight against Germany for three months in case the Senate and the Corps Legislatif should not have sanctioned the treaty. BAZAINE and his army were also to protect the re-assembling of the Chambers at Chalons, and were to re-establish order at Lyons, Marseilles, Toulouse, and other places. Lastly, in spite of the armistice, the German army was to invest Paris, and to reduce by starvation the population who had proclaimed and organized the Republic. This treaty, approved of by the Ex-Emperor, was communicated to Marshal BAZAINE, who also gave his consent, but stipulated for himself very extensive powers of a nature which removed the power of the Emperor almost to a nullity. Under these conditional consents was brought to Versailles by Gen. BOYER. The conditions made by BAZAINE were accepted at Versailles, and Gen. BOYER left for England with the object of receiving the signature of the Empress Regent for this treaty, by which, in fact, only the formality of her signature was wanting. During thirty-six hours the Empress refused to sign, but, at a very late hour in the night, tired and powerless to resist the entreaties of her surrounding friends, she gave her signature, and Gen. BOYER and the Bonapartists who pressed on her left Chalons. Gen. BOYER alone, the Empress reflected and repented of what she had done, and from the board in the morning that Gen. BOYER had not left for France she ordered him to be recalled, asked for the treaty, and, under the pretext of desiring to change an error in the copy she had retained, she tore the treaty into a thousand pieces, and directed the Chancellor, who returned to Metz, where the capitulation took place soon afterward. It is easy to understand that BAZAINE, during these negotiations, made no serious attempt to break the Prussian lines."

FRANCE'S ALLIES.

Garibaldi in France—An Explanation from Italian Journalists.

The following explanation is given of the rumor which is current in Italy about GARIBALDI and his sons having resigned their military command. The statements we are going to allude to are contained in the *Gazzettino Rosa*, of Naples, and in the *Gazzetta di Torino*; they are from the pens of ACHILLE BIZZONI and CARLO PODIO, well-known Italian journalists and associates in arms of GARIBALDI, from whose camp they date their letters. Signor BIZZONI writes that in the engagements near Dijon the French Mobile Guards were seized with panic terror, and that they ran away in the most cowardly manner. GARIBALDI felt compelled, in order to realize this flood of fugitives, to descend from his carriage; as a last attempt at rallying them, he began to sing the Marseillaise. But "the Defection of the Cowards" made use the words of the Italian writer, rendered the retreat necessary; GARIBALDI and his son RICCIOTTI, with the Italian legion and a few of the [illegible] Franc-tireurs, were the last to leave the battle-field. In another letter, dated from Nevers, Signor PODIO relates how the French Mobile Guards fled at the first shots of the Germans in a fit of indescribable fright. They ran away in hot haste; and when the Garibaldians endeavored to stop them, the Mobiles discharged their muskets at them, using also their bayonets against their Italian comrades. "Nor," says Signor PODIO, "was this all. Poor MENOTTI GARIBALDI, who ordered the Mobile Guards to close their ranks and turn once more against the enemy, was insulted, dragged from his horse and thrown on the ground, some of them aiming even their guns at him. By almost a miracle he was saved. He owed the protection of his life mainly to the intervention of his staff, who rescued him from the hands of those wretches. These latter, nevertheless, continued to follow him and heap insults upon him. Thus they called out to him: 'Go and be a commander in Italy! Let thee be—(*Vede fare l'—!*)' CARLO PODIO, who relates this occurrence, begins his letter with the words: "My innermost soul is filled with unutterable grief."

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Although a number of legal sales were noticed to take place at the Exchange, yesterday, (Jan. 5,) only one was effected, as follows: A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO., under a decree of the Supreme Court, in partition, disposed of a three-story and attic high-stoop, brick house and lot, situated on the north side of West Sixteenth-street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, known as No. 31. The dimensions of the property will be found in the summary. The location is a desirable one, and some competition ensued for the possession of the premises. They were finally struck off to MARIE and VIRGINIA NOAL for $29,000—not an extravagant figure.

Adjournments of legal sales, by JAMES M. MILLER, as follows, concluded the business of the day: Four houses and lots on the north side of Seventy-fourth-street, 125 feet west of Third-avenue, THOMAS H. LUNDER, referee, adjourned to Jan. 12. Three lots on the north side of One-Hundred and Thirteenth-street, 100 feet east of Eighth-avenue, D. F. DESBARAMES, Jr., referee, adjourned to Feb. 7. In regard to real estate generally, the tone of the market seems to be improving, dealers expressing more confidence in reference to the future. Should the sales projected for about the middle of the present month meet with the success predicted and anticipated, a greater degree of activity will be the immediate result.

Exchange Sales Thursday, Jan. 5, 1871.

NEW-YORK.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co.

Safety and stable brick house and lot, s. s., No. 31 West 16th-st., between 5th and 6th-avs.; house, 20x90; lot, 25x92 ..... $29,000

Transfers of Real Estate.

KINGS COUNTY.

Brooklyn.

Broadway, s. s., 180.1 ft. e. of Schenectady-av., 20x100 ..... $250
Clinton-st., e. s., 75 ft. n. of Stevens-st., irregular lot running across the street, 52x over 100 1,500
Concord-st., n. s., 125 ft. e. of Nay-st., 22x60 4,400
Dean-st., n. s., 82.6 ft. w. of Smith-st., 16x70, leasehold (4 years) 1,500
Degraw-st., n. s., 125 ft. e. of Clinton-st., 20x100 2,300
Dove-st., n. s., 75 ft. w. of Dutch Reformed Burial-ground, 20x100 1,500
Downing-st., w. s., 848 ft. s. of Bushwick-av., 20x100 10,000
Lefferts-place, n. s., 92.10 ft. e. of Classon-av., 20x100 10,000
President-st., s. s., s. w. corner, 50x100, in trust for church purposes 4,500
Rodney-st., n. s., 144 ft. e. of Bedford-av., 22x100 13,000
Russel-place, e. s., 121 ft. s. of Herkimer-st., 22x100 675
Sackett-st., n. s., 175 ft. e. of Court-st., 21x100 1,700
Sands-st. and Dickinson's-alley, n. w. corner, 52x97 3,800
Schenectady-av., e. s., 201.1 ft. s. of Clinton-st., 25x94 4,000
Scott-st., n. s., 327.6 ft. w. of Middle-st., 150x225 13,000
Taylor-st., e. s., 264.1 ft. s. of Kent-av., 20x80, lease 4,775
Taylor-st., e. s., 179 ft. n. of Lynch-st., 20x100 12,000
Taylor-st., e. s., 115 ft. s. of Wythe-av., 20x100 8,500
Willoughby-st., s. s., 325 ft. e. of Bedford-av., 20x100, lease 6,500
South 2d-st., n. s., 80 ft. e. of 6th-av., 20x100 7,000
9th-st., n. s., 172.10 ft. e. of 7th-av., 19.4x100 12,000
12th-st., n. s., 134 ft. w. of 8th-av., 19x100 2,500
East New-York-av., n. s., 245.1 ft. e. of Schenectady-av., 20x100 200
East New-York-av., n. s., 264.1 ft. e. of Schenectady-av., 20x100 200
Myrtle-av., s. s., 121.6 ft. e. of Sumner-st., 18.52x113, & and in foreclosure 2,000

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Bedford.

Mount Kisco to Stag Sing road, n. e., W. J. Hall Mead's, 20x50 ..... $875

Greenburg.

Broadway, s. s., adjoining Cyrus W. Fields', 63½ acres $10,000
Central-av., e. s., Geo. Van Tassel's, adjoining A. Jones' 1,200
Lots Nos. 46 and 47, A. L. McKenzie's 600

Gosshen.

Tompkins-st., w. s., indefinite, 25x100 ..... $700

White Plains.

White Plains to Mamaroneck road, w. s., adjoining D. Dusenbury's, 46 68-1,000 acres $20,000

West Farms.

Lots Nos. 62 and 122, map Mount Eden $1,800

Yonkers.

Madison-av., e. s., Lot. No. 13, Richo Auber's property, 25x100 ..... $800
Kingsbridge road, e. s., adjoining D. B. Cox's, 50x71 1,500

NEW-JERSEY.

Jersey City.

Colles-st. and South 2d-st., s. e. corner, 31x100 ..... $4,441
Colles-st., e. s., 40 ft. s. of South 2d-st., 40x79 1,000
Jersey-av., w. s., 50 ft. n. of South 5th-st., 25x60 3,800
Van Riper-st., n. s., 225 ft. w. of Bergen-av., 25x100 3,500

Bayonne.

Hudson, n. s., 170 ft. w. of Avenue D, 50x230 ..... $1,600

West Hoboken.

Division-st., s. s., 325 ft. w. of Palisade-av., 100x300 ..... $10,000

Guttenberg.

Franklin-st., s. s., 5th No. 87, map of Guttenberg, 25x100 ..... $150

CITY REAL ESTATE.

GREAT BARGAIN IN 57TH-ST., BETWEEN 5th and 6th avs. Four-story brown-stone, elegantly frescoed. HATCH & BIKER, No. 1,368 Broadway.

$18,000.—38TH-ST., ON MURRAY HILL, brown-stone house, in perfect order; great bargain. HATCH & BIKER, No. 1,368 Broadway.

SEVERAL IMPORTANT CORNERS on Broadway, between 59th and 60th sts., for sale. HATCH & BIKER, No. 1,368 Broadway.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE OR TO LEASE FOR A TERM OF YEARS. A house and two lots, 25 by 100, corner of 18th-st. and 4th-av., Brooklyn. For particulars, inquire of J. M. FULLER, No. 248 Fulton-st., New-York.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

ORANGE, N. J.—COUNTRY HOUSES, lands and village lots for sale; a great variety, beautifully situated; 45 minutes to 1 hour from N. Y. Also, furnished and unfurnished houses to let for season or year, by BLACKWELL & SMITH, 243 Broadway, 9 to 11; or Orange, corner Main and Cone-sts.

A COUNTRY-HOUSE IN THE VILLAGE of Flushing, L. I., twenty-five minutes from Wall-st.; house, grounds and out-buildings in perfect order; possession immediately; terms cash only; cheap. Address R. W. LEAVITT & CO., 118 Wall-st.

$5,500—ORANGE, N. J., NEAR Brick Church Station. New house, nine rooms, furnace, range, &c.; pleasantly located; GEO. W. BOWERS, Halsted-st., Orange.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

TO LET ON YORK-HILL, ELIZABETH, N. J., comfortable French house; modern fittings; near depot; 45 minutes from Wall-st.; 18 trains daily; rent, $400. Inquire at 141 Fulton-st., New-York, or address C. C., Box No. 226 Post-office, New-York.

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EXECUTORS' SALE OF THE REAL ESTATE OF A. J. Christ, at 12 o'clock, Jan. 25, 1871, at the Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway, New-York, viz.: Buildings and lots, No. 11 Pine-st., No. 76 Nassau-st., and No. 2 Albany-st., six-story, in packet ships of the Black Ball line; $2,000 scrip Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, and 404 acres 111 perches of land in Monroe County, Penn. Particulars at auctioneers' office, No. 5 Pine-st.

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INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE MECHANICS AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK, at New-York, in the State of New-York, at the close of business, Dec. 24, 1870:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$1,400,097 21
Overdrafts	2,914 23
United States bonds to secure circulation	225,000 00
United States bonds and securities on hand	25,100 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages	153,425 90
Due from other national banks	80,142 49
Banking-house	44,121 04
Current expenses	19,480 02
Taxes paid	13,400 00
Premiums paid	14,166 21
Cash items	9,555 27
Exchanges for Clearing-house	87,000 00
Bills of other national banks	20,875 00
Bills of State banks	7 00
Fractional currency (including nickels)	12,944 30
Specie, viz.: Coin	15,175 00
Gold Treasury notes	50 00
Legal-tender notes	189,156 00
Three per cent. certificates (all stamped)	110,000 00
Total	$2,450,708 06

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$600,000 00
Surplus fund	100,000 00
Discount	12,749 12
Interest	21,843 00
Profit and loss	60,796 64
National bank circulation outstanding	199,000 00
State bank circulation outstanding	18,165 00
Dividends unpaid	1,968 75
Individual deposits	1,400,355 [illegible]
Certified checks	10,718 84
Due to national banks	11,327 09
Due to other banks and bankers	20,001 76
Total	$2,450,708 06

State of New-York, County of New-York, ss.: I, OGDEN HOFFMAN, Cashier of the Mechanics' and Traders' National Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. GEORGE W. YOULE, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of January, 1871. FERNANDO BALTES, Notary Public, New-York County.

Correct. Attest:
SAMUEL T. BROWN,
JAMES E. SHAW,
ISAAC WALTON, } Directors.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAY COMPANY, CLEVELAND, Dec. 22, 1870.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of the Company will be held at the office of the Company, in Cleveland, Ohio, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 25, 1871, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M., to vote upon a proposition to add to the objects and business of the Company the road between Springfield and Cincinnati, Ohio, and upon a contract with the Cincinnati, Sandusky and Cleveland Railroad Company for running, and business over said road.

The transfer-books will be closed on the evening of Jan. 14, and re-opened Feb. 2, 1871.

By order of the Board of Directors.

GEO. H. RUSSELL, Secretary.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN—THAT the Annual Meeting of the Hempstead Plains and Hempstead Plains Railroad Company will be held at the office of the said Company, No. 76 Broadway, New-York, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 1, 1871, at 10 o'clock M., for the purpose of taking such action as may be necessary for the consolidation of said Company with the Hempstead and Rockaway Railroad Company.

THOS. C. GOETCHIUS, Secretary.

New-York, Dec. 31, 1870.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1870.

AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this institution for the ensuing year, and for three Inspectors for the next ensuing election, will be held at the banking-house on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 11, 1871.

Polls will be open from 2 to 3 o'clock. By order,

GEO. W. YOULE, Cashier.

MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 5, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, corner of Broadway and Prince-st., on TUESDAY, the 10th day of January next, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

N. AMERMAN, Cashier.

PHENIX NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will take place at the banking-house on Tuesday, the 10th of January, 1871. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

JOHN PARMER, Cashier.

TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS will be held on TUESDAY, Jan. 10, from 12 M. to 2 P. M.

ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier.

THE MARKET NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, Jan. 10, 1871, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

J. L. WORTH, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL PARK BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS for this Bank will be held at the banking room on TUESDAY, the 10th day of January, 1871. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.

J. L. WORTH, Cashier.

WEST SIDE BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR Twelve Directors of this Bank will be held at the banking-room, corner of Eighth-avenue and Thirty-fourth-street, on TUESDAY, Jan. 10, 1871. Polls open from 11 till 12 M. JOHN W. B. DOBLER, Cashier.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of the Relief Fire Insurance Company will be held at their office, No. 169 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 10th January, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

W. E. CRARY, Secretary.

JAN. 4.

PACIFIC BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR directors will be held at their banking-house on TUESDAY, the 10th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

R. BUCK, Cashier.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of the STAR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY will be held at the office of the Company, No. 68 Broadway, Jan. 9, 1871, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock.

JAMES M. HODGES, Secretary.

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Passenger and freight cars are now running over this road from Montgomery to Lime Kilns, which completes the AIR LINE to New-York and insures a business more than sufficient to meet the interest on all bonds issued.

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First—By the mortgage on the land.

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For map, pamphlets, &c., apply to or address the Agents.

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OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE, Jan. 2, 1871.

Notice is hereby given to holders of Indiana War Loan Bonds that the Agent of State will be ready to receive said Bonds, at his office, No. 37 Pine-st., New-York City, on the 1st day of May next. Holders desiring to surrender said Bonds for payment are requested to notify the Agent of State on or before the 25th of March.

By order of the Board of State Debt-Sinking Fund Commissioners, J. D. BURNETT, Secretary.

CROWN BROTHERS & CO.,

NO. 48 WALL-ST.,

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, at the close of business on the 23d day of December, 1870:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$4,044,000 22
Overdrafts	2,000 00
United States bonds to secure circulation	450,000 00
United States bonds on hand	323,000 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages	22,600 00
Due from other national banks	180,000 00
Due from State banks and bankers	150,000 00
Banking-house	175,000 00
Current expenses	12,000 00
Taxes paid	18,000 00
Premiums paid	36,000 00
Checks and other cash items	2,000 00
Exchanges for Clearing-house	2,010,000 00
Bills of other national banks	40,000 00
Fractional currency, including nickels	5,000 00
Specie, viz.: Coin	3,000 00
Gold Treasury notes	137,100 00
Checks on other banks payable in gold	45,000 00
Legal-tender notes	407,000 00
Clearing-house certificates	400,000 00
Total	$9,876,204 00

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$2,000,000 00
Surplus fund	400,000 00
Discount	$20,079 00
Interest	20,417 20
Profit and loss	404,978 44
Circulation outstanding	444,000 00
State bank circulation outstanding	1,000 00
Dividends unpaid	2,610 77
Individual deposits	4,761,361 15
Certified checks	1,351,144 10
Cashier's checks outstanding	18,000 00
Due to national banks	605,149 00
Due to other banks and bankers	38,845 15
Total	$9,876,204 00

I, WILLIAM H. COX, Cashier of the Mechanics' National Bank of the City of New-York, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM H. COX, Cashier.

State of New-York, County of New-York: Affirmed and subscribed before me, this 5th day of January, 1871. W. Q. RUDDLE, Notary Public.

Correct. Attest:
THOS. C. CHAMBERLAIN,
WM. CHAMBERLAIN,
GEORGE PALEN, } Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK at the close of business, Dec. 24, 1870:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$483,565 45
United States bonds to secure circulation	225,000 00
Due from other national banks	12,400 27
Banking-house	60,000 00
Current expenses	11,418 14
Taxes paid	3,801 34
Premiums	20,400 00
Cash items, including stamps	1,000 00
Exchanges for Clearing-house	61,424 00
Bills of other national banks	4,231 00
Fractional currency, (including nickels)	2,030 56
Specie, viz.: Coin	1,000 00
Legal-tender notes	109,764 00
Total	$1,185,035 82

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$250,000 00
Surplus fund	40,000 00
Discount	1,000 00
Interest	2,580 20
Profit and loss	10,101 18
National bank circulation outstanding	200,000 00
Dividends unpaid	1,000 00
Individual deposits	679,352 64
Certified checks	18,779 00
Total	$1,185,035 82

State of New-York, County of New-York, ss.: I, CHARLES HUDSON, Cashier of the Eighth National Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

CHARLES HUDSON, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 1871. Notary Public, City of New-York.

Correct. Attest:
MALTBY G. LANE,
THOMAS McCLELLAND,
UNION ADAMS, } Directors.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1870.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Bank for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of the successing election, will be held at their banking-house on TUESDAY, the 10th day of January, 1871, between the hours of 11 M. and 1 P. M. The transfer-books will be closed from Jan. 3 to 10, inclusive.

ANTHONY LANE, Cashier.

NATIONAL BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank and for Inspectors of the next ensuing election, will be held at the banking-house, No. 124 Bowery, on TUESDAY, the 10th day of January next, between the hours of 12 and 1 P. M.

G. G. BRINCKERHOFF, Cashier.

BOWERY NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1871.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders for the election of Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before them, will be held at the banking-house, on Jan. 17, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

E. HAMILTON, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE EAGLE FIRE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company will be held at the Company's office, No. 71 Wall-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 10, 1871, commencing at 12 o'clock M. and closing at 1 o'clock P. M.

A. J. CLINTON, Secretary.

MUTUAL BANK, NO. 700 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank and for inspectors of the next election will be held at the Banking-room on MONDAY, the 16th inst., between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

W. S. CARMAN, Cashier.

JAN. 3, 1871.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a meeting of the stockholders of the Hempstead and Rockaway Railroad Company, will be held at the office of said Company, No. 76 Broadway, New-York, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 1, 1871, at 10 o'clock P. M., at which will be submitted for consideration an agreement for the consolidation of said Company with the New-York and Hempstead Plains Railroad Company.

THOS. C. GOETCHIUS, Secretary.

New-York, Dec. 31, 1870.

NINTH NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-rooms, Nos. 407 and 409 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 10, 1871, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M.

JOHN T. HILL, Cashier.

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Columbia.....Sat. Feb. 4 | Tyrian.....Wed. Mar. 22
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CITY OF WASHINGTON.....Tuesday, Jan. 24, 11 A. M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, Jan. 28, 8 P. M.
And each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate TUESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.

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First Cabin	$75	Steerage	$30
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To Paris	90	To Paris	45
To Halifax, N. S.	40	To Halifax, N. S.	15

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THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS
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Algeria, Wednes. Jan. 11 | Russia, Thursday, Jan. 26
Persia, Saturday, Jan. 14 | Scotia, Saturday, Feb. 4
Abyssinia, Wednes. Jan. 18 | Batavia, Thursday, Feb. 9
Via Halifax. | Olympus, Wednesday, Feb. 8
Gallia, Thursday, Jan. 26 | Palmyra, Thursday, Feb. 9
Cuba, Wednesday, Feb. 1

RATES OF PASSAGE.

By the Wednesday steamers, not carrying Steerage.
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MINNESOTA, Capt. J. W. Freeman.....Jan. 25, at 9 A. M.
WYOMING, Capt. Wetherall.....Feb. 1, at 2½ P. M.
IDAHO, Capt. Finch.....Feb. 8, at 9 A. M.
NEVADA, Capt. Green.....Feb. 15, at 2½ P. M.
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Passage, payable in gold, (Office No. 29 Broadway,) $80, currency.
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All freight for San Francisco will go free, and be received up to 4 P. M. Thursday, Jan. 19.
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ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, sailing regularly every THURSDAY at 3 o'clock P. M. precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River.
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MORRO CASTLE, Capt. H. Adams.....Jan. 19
COLUMBIA, Capt. T. Vanbrick, (via Nassau) Jan. 26
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CITY OF MEXICO, Commander, Jan. 14.
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R. LOWDEN, Agent,
No. 10 West-st.

LEO, Capt. Dearborn, TUESDAY, Jan. 10, from Pier No. 18 East River, at 3 P. M.
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WEYBOSSET,
Capt. BOLGER,
will leave Pier No. 36 North River, on SATURDAY, Jan. 7, at 3 P. M. Freight taken for Mobile, Galveston, Lavacca, Indianola and all points on the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, to be reshipped at New-Orleans.
For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 39 Liberty-st.
Steam-ship LODONA will follow, from Pier No. 20 East River, SATURDAY, Jan. 14.
G. H. MALLORY & CO., No. 152 Maiden-lane.

DELAWARE AND NEW-YORK S. S. CO.
Pier No. 31 N. R.—The steamer W. W. Coe will leave for Lewes, Del., Monday and Thursday, at 4 P. M., taking freight for all points on the Junction and Breakwater and Delaware Railroads. Returning, leave Lewes Wednesday and Saturday at 4 P. M.
For freight and passage apply at office on pier.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE undersigned have formed a limited copartnership, under the laws of the State of New-York, for the transaction of lawful business, under the firm name of LEWIS L. LAWRENCE & CO. The general nature of the business intended to be transacted is dealing in gold, bonds, and other securities, and the carrying on of all other lawful business, thereto appertaining. The names of all the general and special partners interested therein, and their respective places of residence are as follows: CHARLES FRAZIER, and FRANCIS E. LAWRENCE, general partners, residing in Brooklyn, aforesaid. The amount of capital which said special partner has contributed to the common stock is fifty thousand dollars. Said partnership is to commence on the 6th day of January, 1871, and will terminate on the 31st day of December, 1873.
CHARLES FRAZIER, } General Partners.
FRANCIS E. LAWRENCE, }
CHARLES T. LAWRENCE, Special Partner.
[No. U. S. rev. stamp canceled.]

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the firm of F. P. COBB & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.
F. P. COBB,
DANIEL COBB,
M. F. HAZEN,
CHARLES A. LAMBARD.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1870.
The undersigned have formed a copartnership for continuing the business at the same place, under the same firm name, F. D. COBB & CO.
F. D. COBB,
CHARLES A. LAMBARD.
No. 19 BROAD-ST., New-York, Jan. 2, 1871.
The undersigned will continue the stock commission business at No. 19 Broad-st.
M. F. HAZEN.
JAN. 2, 1871.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the firm name of GRANT & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either partner will sign the firm name in liquidation.
R. S. GRANT.
JOHN CHILD.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1870.
The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership, under the firm name of
GRANT & CO.,
and will transact a general banking and stock commission business, at No. 9 Wall-st., New-York.
R. SULDAM GRANT,
GEO. ST. JOHN SHEFFIELD,
J. EDWARD SIMMONS.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1871.

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1870.
The copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of HODGSKIN, RANDALL & HOBSON, expires this date by limitation.
SPECIAL PARTNER. GENERAL PARTNERS.
GEO. G. HOBSON. JAMES P. HODGSKIN.
CHAS. K. RANDALL. CHAS. K. RANDALL.
J. LOWRY HOBSON.
JOHN RANDALL, dec'd.
J. NELSON TAPPAN.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.
OFFICE OF RANDALL & WIBUN,
No. 52 Exchange-place,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1871.
The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership under the firm name of RANDALL & WIBUN, for the transaction of a general Brokerage business in Foreign Exchange, Gold, Government Stocks and other securities.
CHARLES K. RANDALL,
Member of the New-York Stock and Gold Exchanges.
OTTO C. WIBUN.

COPARTNERSHIP.
The undersigned have this day formed a partnership, under the firm name of R. JUDSON HAWLEY & CO., for the transaction of a banking and commission business in Government securities, bonds, stocks, gold, exchange, and mercantile paper, at No. 56 Wall-st.
R. JUDSON HAWLEY,
ALFRED W. BANKLEIT.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1871.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1871.
ALEXANDER TAYLOR RESUMES business this day with his son, ALEXANDER TAYLOR, Jr., (late of Taylors Brothers,) under firm name of
ALEXANDER TAYLOR & SON,
No. 38 Broadway,
Corner of Exchange-place.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1871.
CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE—MR. H. LEAVITT, JR., has become a partner in our firm from this date, and the business will be continued under the name of LEAVITT, GOULD & CO.
LEAVITT & GOULD,
No. 31 Exchange-place.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of MORRIS & BRAMAN, is this day dissolved by its own limitation. Either party will sign in liquidation.
EDWARD L. MORRIS.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1870. JOHN A. BRAMAN.

WE HAVE THIS DAY ASSOCIATED with us in business JAMES O. PROUDFIT and J. CAMPBELL MAREN. The style of the firm will remain as heretofore.
LANCASTER, BROWN & CO.,
No. 23 Nassau-st.
JAN. 2, 1871.

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL CONTINUE the wholesale coal business at No. 111 Broadway, New-York, (Room No. 6, Trinity Building.)
EDWARD L. MORRIS.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1871.

OFFICE OF JOHN MURROR & CO.,
BANKERS, NO. 8 WALL-ST.
MR. EDWARD TUCK BECOMES A partner in our respective firms in Paris and New-York, from this date.
JOHN MUNROE & CO.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1871.

NOTICE.—MR. HOWELL L. WILLIAMS, JR., withdraws from our firm, owing to ill-health, and Mr. WARREN J. BORRIES is admitted as a partner from this date.
JAN. 2, 1871. SHEPPARD GANDY & CO.

M. K. JESUP & CO., NO. 32 PINE-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1871.
MR. EDWARD K. GOODNOW HAS this day been admitted as partner in our house.
M. K. JESUP & CO.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1870.
MR. WILLIAM H. PHIPPS WITHDRAWS THIS DAY from our firm in New-York, Philadelphia and Paris.
DREXEL, WINTHROP & CO.

MR. FRANCIS E. ARNOLD HAS BEEN admitted a partner in our firm.
ARNOLD, STURGES & CO.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1871.

THE FIRM OF HAYWARD & COLEMAN is dissolved.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31, 1870.

BANKRUPT NOTICES.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON the 31 day of January, A. D. 1871, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of JACOB WIELARSKI, of New-York in the County of New-York and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at the Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 82 Nassau-street, in the City of New-York, before Edgar Ketchum, Register, on the 16th day of January, 1871, at 12 o'clock M.
GEORGE H. SHARPE, U. S. Marshal,
as Messenger for the Southern District of New-York.

IN BANKRUPTCY.—IN THE DISTRICT Court of the United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of PHILLIP OFFER and MOSES WALLACH, bankrupts.—Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in said Court, by Phillip Offer and Moses Wallach, in said district, duly declared bankrupts under the act of Congress of March 2, 1867, for a discharge and certificate of their bankruptcy from all their debts and other provable under said act, and that the 23d day of January, 1871, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the office of Edgar Ketchum, Esq., Register in Bankruptcy, No. 82 Nassau-st., in the City of New-York, is assigned for the hearing of the same, when and where all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest, may attend and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioners should not be granted; and second and third meetings of said creditors, for the purposes named in the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sections of said act, will be held at the same time and place.—Dated New-York, Dec. 22, 1870.
GEORGE P. BETTS, Clerk.
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DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of JOHN WARSHING and SIGMUND WARSHING, bankrupts.—In Bankruptcy.—A warrant in Bankruptcy has been issued by said Court against the estate of John Warshing and Sigmund Warshing, of the County of New-York, of the State of New-York, in said district, adjudged bankrupts upon the petition of their creditors; that the payment of debts and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupts, to them, or to their use, and the transfer of any property by them are forbidden by law. A meeting of the creditors of said bankrupts to prove their debts and choose one or more assignees of their estate, will be held at a court of bankruptcy to be holden at No. 27 Chambers-st., in the City of New-York, in said district, on the 27th day of January, A. D. 1871, at 1 o'clock P. M., at the office of Isaiah T. Williams, one of the Registers in Bankruptcy of said Court.
GEO. H. SHARPE, Marshal, Messenger.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Southern District of New-York, in the matter of WALDO E. HASKINS, trading under the firm name of Haskins & Co.—In Bankruptcy.—In Bankruptcy.—Before James P. Dwight, Esq., Register.—To whom it may concern: The undersigned hereby gives notice of appointment as assignee of the estate of Waldo E. Haskins, (trading under the firm name of Haskins & Co.,) of New-York City, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, within said district, who has been adjudged bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district.—Dated at New-York City, the 6th day of January, A. D. 1871.
WINTHROP E. HILTON, Assignee,
[illegible] Nassau-st., New-York City.

SAVINGS BANKS.

EXCELSIOR SAVINGS BANK,
No. 565 6th-av. Booth's Theatre.
Open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS from 6 to 8.
Money deposited ON OR BEFORE JAN. 10 will draw interest FROM JAN. 1.
Interest at 7 per cent. per annum will be paid on all sums remaining in bank Jan. 1, deposited on or before July 10 and Oct. 20, 1870. Also, AN EXTRA DIVIDEND of 1 per cent. on all sums of $1,000 and under, deposited before Aug. 1, 1869.
If not withdrawn, interest will be credited the account and draw interest from Jan. 1, same as a deposit of money.
WILLIAM M. GILES, President.
ISAAC S. BARRETT, Secretary.

BOWERY SAVINGS BANK.
NEW-YORK, December, 1870.
Interest will be paid to depositors, at the rate of Six (6) per Cent., on all sums from Five Dollars to Two Thousand Dollars; and on all sums exceeding Two Thousand Dollars, Five (5) per Cent. upon such amount of deposit, agreeably with the provisions of the by-laws, and payable on and after MONDAY, Jan. 16, 1871.
All interest not called for will remain as principal, and draw interest from Jan. 1.
By order of the Trustees.
THOMAS JEREMIAH, President.
G. H. COCKERHALL, Secretary.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
NO. 96 WARREN-ST., NEW-YORK,
SIX PER CENT. INTEREST allowed on all sums. Deposits made on or before 20th of January will draw interest from Jan. 1. Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
W. A. WALTER, W. CONCKLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BURTON, Secretary.

NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK,
THE FREEDMAN'S SAVINGS AND TRUST COMPANY,
(Chartered by the Government of the United States.)
DEPOSITS OVER $9,000,000.
INTEREST payable on deposits, free of all taxes, THREE TIMES in each year, or every thirty days, as depositors prefer. A specialty made of allowing interest from date of each deposit on sums of $5 and upwards, and on all sums exceeding $100 in multiples of $100 interest will be paid to depositors monthly. Married women and children have exclusive control over their money deposited in the National Savings Bank. All profits are divided, private and confidential. Deposits can be sent by express. All deposits payable ON DEMAND, with interest due.
Especial advantages afforded to trustees, guardians and others for the safe keeping of trust funds; also, to societies, lodges, divisions, associations, &c.
Open daily from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M. and MONDAYS and SATURDAYS from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M.
JOHN J. ZUILLE, Cashier.

INTEREST FROM THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH.
CITIZENS' SAVINGS BANK,
No. 52 Bowery, corner of Canal-st., New-York.
Pay on account of interest, SIX PER CENT. on all sums from $5 to $10,000.
Money deposited on or before Jan. 20 will bear interest from Jan. 1.
Interest allowed from the 1st of the month following the day of deposit, and is computed and paid, or credited, Jan. 1 and July 1, on the amount in bank on those days.
Bank open EVERY DAY from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on
MONDAYS and SATURDAYS
from 10 A. M. to 7 P. M.
JAMES M. QUINTARD, President.
SEYMOUR A. BUNCE, Secretary.

METROPOLITAN SAVINGS BANK,
Nos. 1 and 2 Astor-place, opposite Cooper Institute.
TWENTY-FIFTH DIVIDEND.
JANUARY, 1871. By direction of the Trustees of this Bank, the usual semi-annual interest, at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum, will be paid on all sums from $5 to $5,000, if not withdrawn, will be added to the accounts and draw interest from Jan. 1.
DEPOSITS made on or before Jan. 10, will draw interest from Jan. 1.
SIX PER CENT. allowed on ALL SUMS of $5 and upward. One Dollar received.
ALEX. T. STEWART, Jr., President.
T. W. LILLIE, Secretary.

EXTRA DIVIDEND.
UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK,
No. 34 Chatham-st., near Chatham.
The Board of Trustees have THIS DAY declared the usual half yearly dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT.; also an extra dividend of ONE PER CENT. (from profits, P. F. Cornell, current six months,) to all depositors entitled thereto; payable on or after Jan. 21.
If the interest is not withdrawn it will be credited the account, and bear interest from Jan. 1, as an original deposit.
ASSETS, $8,012,460 76.
Money deposited on or before Jan. 20 will bear interest from Jan. 1.
JOHN McLEAN, President.
N. J. HAINES,
W. S. WHITLOCK, } Vice-Presidents.
G. S. CHAPIN, Treasurer.
O. S. ARMOUR, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 14, 1870.

THIRD-AVENUE SAVINGS BANK,
Corner 84-av. and 26th-st.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1870.
INTEREST—Semi-annual interest at the rate of six per Cent. per annum, on all sums from $5 to $5,000, will be paid on and after the THIRD MONDAY in January.
Interest will be added to accounts Jan. 1, and if not drawn bear interest as new deposits.
All deposits made on or before Jan. 20 will draw interest from Jan. 1.
Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY EVENINGS from 6 to 8 o'clock.
SPENCER K. GREEN, President.
WM. R. HIRSING, Secretary.

ATLANTIC SAVINGS BANK,
Chatham-square and New Bowery, New-York.
16 new receiving deposits from $1 to $5,000, entitled to interest, as from Jan. 1, 1871, at the rate of six per cent. per annum.
EXEMPT FROM UNITED STATES INCOME TAX.
ASSETS (principally invested in United States Bonds and New-York City bonds and mortgages.) December, 1870.....$2,907,781 93
DEPOSITS—Ten Months' Interest to date, December, 1870.....2,714,067 60
Surplus over all liabilities.....$193,714 33
HARRISON HALL, President.
J. F. COOPER, Secretary.
D. D. BAILEY, Treasurer.

PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK,
1,142 BROADWAY, BET. 27TH AND 28TH-STS.
The usual semi-annual interest at the rate of Six per Cent. per annum on all sums entitled thereto will be paid on and after Jan. 20.
Interest not drawn will be added to the depositor's account and draw interest the same as a deposit of Jan. 1.
All money deposited on or before Jan. 20 will draw interest from Jan. 1.
J. PERRIN, OLMSTEAD, President.
CHARLES T. RODGERS, Secretary.

NORTH RIVER SAVINGS BANK,
Corner of 8th-av. and West 30th-st.
DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND, at the rate of SIX PER CENT. PER ANNUM, on all sums from $5 to $5,000, will be paid on and after Jan. 16, 1871.
MONEY DEPOSITED on or before the 20th of January, will draw INTEREST from Jan. 1. Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.; also on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings, from 6 to 8 o'clock.
JOHN HOOPER, President.
JAMES O. BENEDIT, Secretary.

Broadway Savings Institution,
NO. 937 BROADWAY, entrance on Park-place.
Interest on deposits entitled thereto, for the six months ending Dec. 31, at the rate of Six per Cent. per annum on all sums of $5 and upward, will be paid on and after MONDAY, Jan. 16, 1871.
FRANCIS P. SCHOALS, President.
WADE R. WORKALL, Sec. PETER CUMMING, Acct.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE SEAMEN'S BANK FOR SAVINGS have ordered that an INTEREST DIVIDEND for deposits entitled thereto, for the six months ending last 6th, as follows:
On sums of $100 and under at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum, and
On sums exceeding $100 at the rate of FIVE PER CENT. per annum.
Also, an EXTRA INTEREST of the same amount, payable on and after MONDAY, 16th inst.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 5, 1871.
GEO. P. THOMAS, President.
S. J. MACY, Secretary.

NEW-YORK SAVINGS BANK, 5TH-AV., corner of 14th-st.—SIX PER CENT. interest paid on all sums from $5 to $5,000. Deposits made on or before Jan. 20 will draw interest from Jan. 1. R. H. HULL, President. C. W. BEECKERROPE, Secretary.

MARBLE MANTELS.

MARBLE AND MARBLEIZED MANTELS of the latest imported patterns. Monuments, at reduced prices. A. KLABER, Steam Marble Works, No. 134 East 26th-st., near 4d-av., N. Y.

S. MALAWER & CO.'S MARBLE WORKS, No. 522 West 34th-st., between Broadway and 6th-av.—Marble and Marbleized Mantels, Monuments; original designs; cheapest in the City.

MARBLEIZED SLATE MANTELS.—Rich and elegant designs, from $8, $12, $15 up to $250.
T. R. STEWART & CO.,
No. 400 4th-av., between 26th and 27th sts.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

ZION CHURCH, MADISON-AV., CORNER 38T. 45th-st.—On FRIDAY, Jan. 6, at 8 P. M., will be celebrated the Epiphany, the ancient Feast of Lights, with full service of evening prayer, anthems and hymns.

REV. DR. LUNDY WILL PREACH (D.V.) Bible Epiphany sermon in St. Luke's Church, Hudson-st., opposite Grove, THIS (Friday) EVENING. Service commences at 7½ o'clock.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

FOR SALE—A BLACK HORSE, WITH white mark on forehead; 16 hands high; warranted perfectly sound; seven years old; without training; will trot in 2:40 as he is. Address R., Box No. 124 Times Office.

STATIONERY.

SLOTE & JANES, STATIONERS, Printers, and blank-book manufacturers, No. 43 Fulton-st. Blank books made to any pattern.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

TO LET, FURNISHED—TWO OR three rooms, on parlor floor, to one or more gentlemen; also, room on third floor; references exchanged. No. 45 East 18th-st., between Broadway and 4th-av.

NO. 113 EAST 14TH-ST.—A VERY FINE suite of rooms on second floor front to let with board; private table if desired; house first-class; references exchanged.

TO LET.—TWO FRONT ROOMS, WITH bedrooms attached, second and third story, southern exposure, in a private family, with or without partial board. Inquire at No. 28 East 17th-st.

FIFTH-AVENUE—NO. 251, CORNER 28TH-st.; one suite of three or four rooms, on third floor; private table; also one single room for a gentleman. French spoken.

NO. 45 WEST 22D-ST.—A PLEASANT room, with board; southerly exposure; house and location very desirable.

NO. 28 WEST 19TH-ST.—HANDSOMELY-furnished room for a family or party of gentlemen; also single rooms; house and table first-class.

FURNISHED ROOMS, WITH BOARD, at No. 12 Waverley-place.

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR SUPPLIES.
PURCHASING AND DISBURSING PAYMASTER'S OFFICE, U. S. NAVY, NO. 20 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1870.
Proposals, sealed, and indorsed on envelope "Bids for Supplies Advertised," will be received at this office until 1 o'clock, the 7th proximo, for the following supplies, of the best quality, to be delivered free of expense at the Navy-yard, New-York, viz:
BUREAU CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS.
Two Wood's Mason's saw-mill, complete or sawing mill of Mason's patent, to saw logs 12 feet long, 24 inches square, or to saw ordinary lumber at the rate of 10,000 feet in 12 hours, with 5 head blocks of the most improved pattern, with screw set.
Two circular saws, "Emerson's Patent," movable teeth, 24 inches in diameter, No. 8 gauge. Two circular saws, "Emerson's Patent," movable teeth, 42 inches in diameter, No. 8 gauge. Two circular saws, "Julius Lenz's Patent," movable teeth, 42 inches in diameter, No. 8 gauge. Also, thirty extra teeth, assorted.
One horizontal steam engine, 14x24 inch cylinder, 40-horse power, 10-foot fly-wheel, 14-inch face turned for belt, with boiler, "Hudson" pattern. Engine to be set up and all the necessary building for running the saw-mill.
One return tubular boiler of sufficient size to drive the engine and saw-mill, to be built of the best material, and in the best manner, to burn either coal or wood, and capable of carrying 100 pounds steam to the square inch, with the necessary valves, cocks, gauges, fixtures and smoke-pipe.
A competent engineer or millwright to be furnished by the parties who furnish the engine and saw-mill, who will put up and run the mill satisfactorily to the Inspecting Officer of the Brooklyn Navy-yard.
One Gray & Wood improved planer, with wooden frame, to plane 30 inches wide, 24 inches thick. Cylinder for 3 cutters, with 3 elevating screws to raise the upper cross-head, one on each side. Carriage-bed to be 36 feet long, length of carriage to be 52 feet.
Driving pulley to be on the left side, with cast-steel shaft, pulley belting, feeding rollers, 4 full sets of gearing, one extra set for planing and matching boards; to be put up in complete running order, satisfactorily to the Inspecting Officer of the Brooklyn Navy-yard.
One Bangler's Hoisting Machines, with chains complete—two of two tons and two of one ton.
One Baxter D. Whitney's Band Saw with iron frame, wheels, 48 inches diameter, of sufficient width for a 3-inch saw and stationary tables, with counter shaft, pulleys, belting and three sets of saws, viz: two of 1 inch and one of 2 inches, to be put up in complete running order, satisfactorily to the Inspecting Officer of the Brooklyn Navy-yard.
One Circular Re-Sawing Machine, R. Ball & Co.'s make, with iron frame, capable of sawing or slitting hard wood, 24 inches wide, and from 1 inch to 6 inches in thickness, with iron pulleys, shafting and counter shafting, two 60-inch circular saws, and one 30-inch, and one 40-inch.
One horizontal Drilling and Boring Machine, with boring tools, single pinion, counter shaft complete, with traverse of bar of 20 inches.
One Pipe-Cutting Machine, to cut pipe from ¼ inch up to 4 inches in diameter, with complete set of dies and chasers for each size of pipe, complete, with counter shaft and setting of tools complete.
Two upright Drilling Machines, to drill to center of 40-inch circle, with self-operating feed complete.
One Slotting Machine, to slot 24-inch circle, to work to center of thirty inches, with balanced cutting-bar, quick return motion and counter-shaft complete.
WROUGHT IRON STEAM-PIPES.
100 feet each of ¾, 1, 1¼ and 2½ inch steam-pipes, with couplings.
200 feet each of ¾, 1, 1¼ and 2 inch steam-pipes, with coupling.
50 feet of 1¼-inch steam-pipes, with coupling.
50 feet each of 3 and 4 inch steam-pipes, with coupling.
GLOBE VALVES.
Six dozen each of best Steam Metal Globe Valves, ¼, ⅜, ½, ¾, 1, 1¼, 1½ and 2 inches, with screwed ends.
ELBOWS OF CAST OR MALLEABLE IRON.
1 dozen each, cut with taper thread, ¼, ⅜, ½ and 2½ inches.
3 dozen each, ¾, 1, 1¼ and 2 inches.
2 dozen each, 1½ inch, and ¼ dozen each 3 and 4 inches.
TEES OF CAST OR MALLEABLE IRON.
¼ dozen each, cut with taper thread, ¼, ⅜, ½ and 2½ inches. 1 dozen each of ¾, 1, 1¼, 1½ and 2 inches.
¼ dozen each, cut with taper thread, ¼, ⅜, ½, 2½ and 2 inches. 1 dozen each, ¾, 1, 1¼, 1½ and 2 inches. ¼ dozen, 4 inches.
CLOSE NIPPLES.
½ dozen each, cut with taper thread at both ends, ¼, ⅜, ½, 2½, 3 and 4 inches. 1 dozen each ¾, 1, 1¼, 1½ and 2 inches.
COUPLINGS.
½ dozen each, cut with taper thread, ¼, ⅜, ½, and 4 inches.

THE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

Organization of the General Committee by the Election of Horace Greeley President—His Address.

The Republican General Committee met last evening at the corner of Broadway and Twenty-second-street, for the purpose of organizing for the year 1871. The attendance was very large, and, though at first there was some little turmoil occasioned by differences of opinion respecting the manner in which the organization should be effected, this was soon quieted, and Mr. GREELEY was duly installed as Chairman for the current year. He then proceeded to read his address, which will be found below.

SPEECH OF MR. DAYTON.

The meeting was called to order by Gen. ASPINWALL, one of the Vice-Presidents, when Mr. ISAAC F. DAYTON rose and said: I move that the name of every member be now called, and that he take his place in the seat designated at that end toward the President's chair, and that when the roll shall have been called, the President request every person not a delegate to this Committee to withdraw from the room. I make that motion for the purpose of inducing the Committee hereafter and during its existence to meet by itself, and that persons not members of the Committee shall not be admitted. I consider the latter portion of the motion as the important part, and for that purpose I introduced it, together with the proposition that members, as their names are called, take their seats immediately opposite the President's chair.

REMARKS OF MR. FITCH.

Mr. JOHN FITCH said: I move that the latter portion of the resolution be left out. I hope we have now and forever got rid of the disturbing elements that formerly composed the Committee, and there are now several of our best friends who were our opponents, and we don't want them to be turned out.

The amendment was lost, and on the motion of Mr. Dayton the roll was called, and each member rose while answering to his name.

The election of a Chairman for the present year was declared in order.

MR. GREELEY NOMINATED BY MR. MANIERRE.

Mr. MANIERRE said: I am about to propose the name of a gentleman for the consideration of this Committee, and I don't think it necessary to talk much to you in doing so. I think when the name is mentioned it will be recognized as a name long associated with the Republican Party of this City, State and nation, and I will simply name now for permanent Chairman of this Committee for the year 1871, HORACE GREELEY. [Cheers.] I move he be now elected by acclamation.

A SLIGHT BREEZE.

Mr. DAYTON—I propose, Sir, to say a few words with reference to this question, at this moment. We all know that a movement has been started on the part of the State Central Committee for the purpose of effecting the reorganization of the party in the City of New-York. I don't undertake to indorse that movement.

Mr. RUFUS ANDREWS—I call the gentleman to order.

CHAIRMAN—Are you speaking to the motion?

Mr. DAYTON—I am speaking to the motion, and I propose to offer a resolution with reference to the motion before I sit down.

CHAIRMAN—Any amendment?

Mr. DAYTON—I am not called upon to state what that motion may be.

Mr. ANDREWS—Then I call that gentleman to order.

CHAIRMAN—The question of order is well taken.

Mr. DAYTON—The question I ask is this——

Mr. CONOVER—I rise to order.

Mr. DAYTON—I submit it is proper—to lay the resolution on the table. I propose to offer some considerations to this body why it should, this evening, at least, lay the question on the table.

CHAIRMAN—The question is not debatable.

Mr. CONOVER—I stated my point of order, and until that question is taken with regard to my statement, no motion is in order.

CHAIRMAN—The question to place on the table is in order, but it is not debatable.

Mr. DAYTON—By what right did the Chairman say this meeting was called for the election of a permanent Chairman, if it is not debatable?

CHAIRMAN—I shall proceed to order. [Cries of "Order!" and "Question!"]

MR. DAYTON DOWN.

Mr. DAYTON—I shall bow to so large and so respectable a majority; but I do insist it is not the policy of this Committee, at this time—["Question!"]

CHAIRMAN—The question is on the resolution, and if the motion to lay on the table is in order.

Mr. DAYTON—I move to lay the resolution on the table.

THE ORGANIZATION PROCEEDS.

The resolution was not seconded, and the original resolution was carried with applause.

On motion, the nominations of Mr. SINCLAIR TOURNY for First Vice-President, ENOCH L. FANCHER for Second Vice-President, GEORGE F. COACHMAN and ANDREW LEGGETT for Secretaries, and IRA O. MILLER for Treasurer, were carried by acclamation.

Mr. GREELEY then took the chair amid great cheering, and delivered the following address:

ADDRESS OF MR. GREELEY.

GENTLEMEN OF THE COMMITTEE: On the morrow after our late disastrous election, I remarked that there were Republicans enough in our State for one triumphant party, but not for two. The events then and there transpired have justified this meeting, and induced me to accept the position to which you have elected me. I am here in the confident trust that the feuds which have so long distracted and weakened the Republicans of this City may be stopped, and all our citizens who rejoice that the rebellion was suppressed, secession defeated and slavery abolished, may be united in one harmonious, effective organization. It will be time enough to pronounce such hopes chimerical after an earnest and general effort has been made to realize them. Assured that nine-tenths of the Republicans of this City, as well as ninety-nine hundredths of the entire party, ardently desire such harmony, and imperiously demand the subversion of whatever may impede it, I cannot admit that the obstacles thereto are insuperable until I have done what I may to remove them. As my object is peace, and not victory, I shall rigorously abstain from raking over the ashes of dead controversies. All know that there have been divisions and rival organizations; that the party has been crippled and weakened by them. All know that the existence of a Republican Party in New-York has been a matter of everyone's conjecture and receive a harsh, and that no permanent good has resulted from those well-meant interpositions. I propose that the Republicans of the City shall now try to do for themselves what external authority and agency have hitherto attempted without success. I cannot afford to be identified with a faction; if I act at all, I must be in the interest and with the approval of the entire party. Of such approval, this is no time and I am not the person to despair—at least, until the experiment of deserving it shall have been fully and fairly tried. I said I would not needlessly disturb the ashes of the past. "Let the dead bury their dead." I find here a General Committee of the Republican Party of our City, composed of delegates chosen by the Associations of the several Assembly districts, in accordance with the laws and usages of our party organization. The powers of the Committee or Committees of 1870 have expired by limitation; they could not be revived without a new election, which they have no longer authority to order. If this is not the Union Republican General Committee, then there is none, and the organization in this City is defunct. We are in the condition of the sufferer, who, to his friend's observation, "That is a bad cold you have," responded, "Bad or good, it is the best I've got." I do not desire to press this fact to an extent that may even seem unfair, much less ungenerous. On the contrary, I think the Republicans who, while dissatisfied with this organization, have thus far refrained from creating a rival, I shall endeavor so to treat them that their hesitancy shall plainly appear to have been no less politic than considerate and forbearing. Let it suffice us for the moment that there is as yet but one Republican General Committee for 1871. I trust we shall so act that there will be no plausible excuse for creating another. We are quite aware that there are good Republicans in our City who took no part in the election of this Committee. I stand here to question neither the integrity nor the wisdom of their course. I will not even urge that they might have taken part had they chosen to do so. I simply ask that they tell us what they want, and I pledge my best efforts to the redress of their grievances. If they will put them in such shape that redress shall be within our power. Do they desire a fresh enrollment of the Republicans in their several districts? I am heartily for that, and will do my best to secure general assent to the proposition. For some months I have noted that the District Associations have housed themselves with the expulsion of members. It seems to me high time that they admitted a few thousands to fill their places, or there may soon be none left to expel. Let us have a fresh enrollment; let the best Republicans of whatever stripe be selected to make it; let ample time be given to it; let all possible effort be made to render it thorough and complete. And let the district enrollments so made be the registry lists for all elections of delegates to committees or conventions, until others shall be duly provided to replace them. I hear it asserted that we have a Tammany Party, and that we are organized in the interest of its plundering Ring. Such charges are to be answered not by words but by deeds. If it shall at any time be proved that any member of this Committee is acting in the interest of that infamous cabal whereof Wm. M. Tweed is the embodiment, I shall move his expulsion, if no one else anticipates me in so doing. But I trust no necessity for such action will ever arise. Do they want a new election for a General Committee? Speaking for no one but myself, and without consultation with or suggestion from any one, I feel that such election can be needed only when and where a majority of the duly enrolled Republicans of any district shall represent to this Committee that they are not satisfactorily represented here, and that they desire a change. I trust that there is no gentleman on this floor who would consent to sit here and vote as a delegate, after it had been so certified, that he was not the choice of his constituents. Where the majority shall be satisfied with their present delegates, I see no reason for holding a new election, but I am open to conviction on this point. Looking to the future, I avow myself a convert to the doctrine improperly termed Minority, but which is truly Complete Representation. I would have all Republicans represented in this Committee and in every convention of our party. Suppose a district entitled to five delegates, and to have about 500 members on its roll, whereof 300 choose to be represented in one interest, 200 in another; I would have such a system and such rules for voting that the minority might choose two of the delegates, leaving but three to be chosen by the majority. I am sure that this system—just imbedded in the new Constitution of Illinois, and adopted in several localities—is destined to command universal acceptance, unless supplanted by one still better. But it is said, gentlemen, that the State Committee is about to take our City in hand, and for a third time reorganize her Republican associations. I am not here to dispute either the authority, the wisdom, or the impartiality, of that Committee. Honest men are slow to suspect the motives of others; those who want nothing but justice do not jump blindly to the conclusion that others are intent on doing wrong. I assume that our State Committee will earnestly desire to do right, and will not make haste to disorganize under the plea of reorganizing us. I am confident that it will approach us as friend meets friend, with earnest intent to dispel distrusts by mutual explanations and to secure harmony by an exhibition of good faith and good will. Let me here say frankly that I, for one, shall in no case dispute the authority nor defy the mandates of the State Committee, even though it should direct that this Committee be disbanded or superseded. During nearly forty years of political activity I was never yet identified with a contesting delegation; and I am too old now to begin. I would rather represent Oregon as a regular delegate than appear from New-York as a contestant. I fully understand that the delegate chosen to our seat and to any future State Convention, in accordance with the dictates (no matter how mistaken) of the State Committee, will be entered upon the official roll of that Convention, and called in their order as entitled, *prima facie*, to seats; and I shall neither attend myself, nor consider the duty of others to attend, with the hope of ousting those thus seated. Our brethren of the rural districts have already been quite enough disgusted and demoralized by such contests from the city. As to the administration of Gen. GRANT, I recognize no one as a Republican who is not grateful for its judicious, energetic and successful efforts to preserve the vitification of the Fifteenth Amendment that keystone of our political arch whereby the fruits of our great triumph over rebellion and slavery are assured and perpetuated. That the President has made some mistakes in appointments is obvious—it would be strange, indeed, if one so inexperienced in the conduct of political affairs had wholly escaped them. Whatever blame may justly attach to this falls rightfully on us, who took him from the head of the army and made him our civil Chief Magistrate, fully aware that he had never voted a Republican ticket, if, indeed, he had voted at all. While asserting the right of every Republican to his untrammeled choice of a candidate for next President until a nomination is made, I venture to suggest that Gen. GRANT will be far better qualified for that momentous trust in 1872 than he was in 1868. Such, gentlemen, are the ideas and convictions which have impelled me to take my place among you, and accept the responsibility you have imposed upon me. Let us take care to act with substantial unanimity, and with such evident moderation and fairness that our friends throughout the State and the Union shall see and feel that we are doing our utmost to unite and strengthen the Republican Party, and animate it with well-grounded and sanguine hopes of future triumphs.

Upon the conclusion of Mr. GREELEY's address it was moved that 20,000 copies be printed. This was amended by a motion that the address be indorsed by the Committee. The amendment was adopted and the original motion was withdrawn.

Mr. ISAAC DAYTON, in a few remarks indorsing the sentiments of the address, denounced the Tammany Republicans, and urged that this Committee should show the Republicans of the State that there was unanimity in the party in this City, and that it was impossible for any opposition to form any organization which could in the least disturb the harmony of this Committee. He commended that portion of the address which suggested that measures be taken to secure the rights of the minority. He said that the system of plunder had been the means of working much injury to the party in the City and State, for it often happened that representatives came here elected after a severe contest, in which not only the minority but the majority were sometimes overruled. Mr. DAYTON commended the address in every particular, and, referring to Gen. GRANT, said that many might have reason to be dissatisfied with him, but, taken as a whole, his administration was decided to none in the whole history of the country. He has given us peace when we had war, and economy and purity where before there were reckless extravagance and dishonesty.

Mr. DANIEL D. CONOVER then moved that the Committee on Rules be continued, and it was further moved that the Committee be empowered to act on that portion of the address relating to minority representation; also that a rule be reported providing that no persons be admitted to the meetings of the Committee except those who were members of the organization. The amendments were accepted and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. CONOVER moved that a committee be appointed to consider the propriety of hiring a new hall, as this was unsuitable for the purposes of the Committee. The President appointed Messrs. CONOVER, GRIDLAY and MILLER such Committee.

The General Committee then adjourned.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

The Department of Docks met yesterday, and directed Superintendent KEYSER to report on the nature of the repairs now being made to the pier foot of West Thirty-eighth-street by the lessees, KANE & RYAN. Bills for dredging, repairs, tools, lumber, &c., amounting to $22,668 37 were presented by the Auditing Committee, and ordered to be paid. A petition of the Harlem Yacht Club for permission to build a boat-house at One Hundred and Twenty-fifth-street and Harlem River was referred to the Executive Committee. A few communications of no public importance were also received and referred to committees to report upon hereafter.

At a regular communication of Howard Lodge No. 38, F. and A. M., the following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year: John Gilbertson, Master; Alonzo C. Hazenhurst, S. W.; Horace Metcalf, J. W.; John F. Browne, Treasurer; Alfred B. Price, Secretary; Frederick G. Gedney, S. D.; Lewis Loutrel, J. D.; James B. Fitzgerald, J. S. A. Moore, M. of C.; J. G. Cottier, Steward; George Warren, Marshal; John Golden, Chaplain; Seth Hart, Organist; Peter Lambert, Assistant Organist. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer exhibited a flattering condition of the affairs of this, one of the oldest Lodges of the fraternity in this City. The annual ball and reception of Howard Lodge will take place on Feb. 8 at Apollo Hall. It will be given on a scale of excellence that has always characterized the entertainments of the Lodge.

The annual meeting of the Alaska Club, of the Sixteenth Ward, was held at its rooms, No. 240 Eighth-avenue, on Wednesday evening. HUGH GARDNER, Esq., presided. There was a very large attendance, and the condition of the Club, as exhibited in the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, was very flattering. The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year: HUGH GARDNER, President; Henry Comstock and W. R. Albertson, Vice-Presidents; C. G. Archibald, Secretary; Robert Armstrong, Treasurer; Samuel Reynolds, George A. Blakely and John D. McLean, Trustees. The Alaska Club partakes of both a political and a social character, has upon its roll the names of many of the most active and influential Republicans of the Sixteenth Ward, and is rapidly becoming a power in local affairs.

Justice COULTER, yesterday, in the Yorkville Police Court, proceeded with the examination in the case of JULIA H. FRESZ, a servant girl, who is accused by her mistress, Mrs. BUSHNELL of No. 31 East Thirty-second-street, of stealing $27 worth of lace. It appears that JULIA had instituted a civil suit against Mrs. BUSHNELL for $46 of wages alleged to be due her, and she now claims that this charge of larceny of the lace is unjustly brought in consequence of that. Justice COULTER stated that he was not satisfied that a larceny was committed sufficiently to warrant him in committing the defendant for trial, but he would hold her on her parole of honor to appear in Court on Saturday, in wishing, in the meantime, to make inquiries into circumstances connected with the case which had come to his knowledge privately.

The twenty-second anniversary of the Independent Order of Good Samaritans, was celebrated last evening in Zion Church, corner of Bleecker and West Tenth streets. Large delegations from the various Unions of the order, which consists exclusively of colored people, were present. Rev. W. F. BUTLER, pastor of the church, and National Grand Orator of the order, delivered an impressive address, in which he expatiated on the advantages of temperance, and exhorted his hearers to join the sacred cause. Rev. N. H. TURNER and Rev. Mr. SWERES also spoke. Several stirring temperance hymns were sung at intervals during the evening, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed.

We regret to learn that T. J. CONATTY, well known in this City as a revenue officer, after a painful and lingering illness, 11 now upon his death-bed. The disease which thus carries him off was contracted in the army, in which he served as Captain in the First Wisconsin Cavalry during the first half of the war. Mr. CONATTY was known to many as a useful and vigorous writer for the Press.

At a meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, held yesterday morning, the resignations of the following patrolmen were accepted: EDWARD CONDON, Sixth Precinct; WM. R. PEARE, Second; CHAS. M. FAIRFIELD, First. The following transfers were made: JOHN H. LOW and JOHN SHODY, from the Special Service Squad to the Fifteenth Precinct; JAS. O'NEILL, from the Fourteenth to the Special Service Squad. GILBERT K. W. RICHIE was appointed on the force, and assigned to the Seventeenth Precinct.

On New-Year's Night the doors and windows of the lager-beer saloon of FRED. GRAINER, No. 632 Tenth-avenue, were broken by the notorious Tenth-avenue gang. On Wednesday night JOHN YOUNG was arrested for grand larceny, and was brought up in the Yorkville Police Court, yesterday, where he was discharged on the larceny charge, the complainant failing to appear to prosecute. He was, however, recognized as one of the parties who broke Mr. GRAINER's windows, and was committed in default of bail. The others have not been arrested yet.

The Commissioners of Emigration held a meeting yesterday, the President, Hon. RICHARD O'GORMAN, in the chair. Dr. BENEL was appointed House Physician at Castle Garden in place of Dr. KESSLER, and Gen. HILLYER was appointed attorney to the Board. It was decided that the surplus funds of the Commission be deposited in the Tenth National Bank, which would pay interest at the rate of five per cent. The Board then adjourned.

From an abstract of the returns of the gate-keepers at the Central Park, it is shown that 2,481,427 persons visited the Park during the year 1870, an increase of 1,070,410 over the year previous, when musical entertainments were given at the Park twice in each week. On Christmas Day 83,960 persons visited the Park, and on New-Year's Day 63,262. On the Fourth of July the number of visitors was 65,726.

An ante-mortem examination was held yesterday by Coroner YOUNG in the case of PATRICK GARVIN, the young man now in a critical condition from the effects of a blow on the head sustained at the hands of an unknown colored man in Sixth-avenue, on the night of the 3d inst. No new facts were developed, so the jury impaneled rendered an open verdict.

FREDERICK HILLMAN was held by Commissioner STILLWELL, yesterday, to await the action of the Grand Jury on a charge of passing a counterfeit $10 bill on JOHN H. SHEIL, of No. 153 West Broadway. Assistant District-Attorney SIDNEY DE KAY conducted the case for the Government.

CHARLES WILLIAMS, colored, of No. 138 West Thirty-eighth-street, was held for trial, yesterday, by Justice DOWLING, at the Tombs, for an assault upon OLIVER BROWN, also colored, of No. 3 Catharine-lane, whom he cut severely in the side with a sharp razor, during a quarrel.

The Mission-school of Mount Vernon is to be benefited this evening by the proceeds of a lecture, to be delivered in Union Hall, that village, by C. CORINNE FLETCHER, a lady connected with the Press of this City. The subject of the lecture is "Our Ruling Loves."

Collector MURPHY has tendered to Capt. Chas. N. BRACKETT, formerly Fire-Marshal of the Metropolitan District, and now an Inspector of Customs, the position of Chief Clerk of the Third Division (Warehouse Bureau) in the Custom-house, as a reward for faithful service.

At a meeting of the Third Assembly District Grant Club, at its head quarters, No. 575 Broome-street, last evening, resolutions recommending the formation of Grant Clubs in each Assembly District were adopted.

At the Court of Special Sessions, yesterday, GEORGE MCCARTHY was sent to the Penitentiary for six months and was fined $50, for defrauding NELSON MOODY, of Maine, out of $72 by means of the envelope game.

BROOKLYN.

Arrangements are being made for the holding of a grand temperance mass-meeting in Lafayette-avenue Presbyterian Church, (Dr. CUYLER's,) on the evening of Tuesday next. Rev. H. W. BEECHER, Mr. P. T. BARNUM, EDWARD CASWELL, and other gentlemen of eminence, will address the meeting.

The following are the names of the gentlemen appointed by President DITCHETT on the various committees of the Republican Central Committee for the ensuing year: Committee on By-laws and Rules of Order—Ludovic Bennett, Luke C. Ryder, C. M. Felt, James Jourdan, D. S. Stewart, Jacob Worth, C. B. Morton, George C. Bennett, S. F. Blatchford. Committee on Contested Seats—Arthur McCaffrey, Henry Elliott, James H. Taylor, C. H. Richardson, R. M. Whittle, Jr., John F. Ames, John T. Venus, H. S. Bellows, A. G. Williams.

Mr. ROSWELL D. KING, jeweler, at No. 68 Fourth-street, E. D., reported at the Police headquarters, yesterday morning, that his store was robbed on Tuesday night of $6,000 worth of watches and gold chains and an equal amount of money taken from the safe, which he supposed was burglar-proof. The watch-dog, constantly kept on the premises, was found lying on the floor stupefied by chloroform. The Police are at work on the case.

In Justice RILEY's Court, yesterday, an affray that occurred on New-Year's Eve between Officer LARYMOR and Bondsman ROSS, of the Fourth Precinct, was brought to light by each man applying for a warrant for the arrest of the other. It appears that they quarreled on Fulton-avenue, and that they beat each other's head pretty effectually with their clubs. LAYTON has resigned from the force.

The Board of Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association have decided to erect a new building for the association, on corner of Fulton-street and Gallatin-place, opposite the site of their present building. The plans have been submitted and adopted. The edifice is to be of fine brick, with stone trimmings, and will cost $250,000.

LONG ISLAND.

On Saturday night a young man named LEO HUNSON was robbed and beaten at Hunter's Point in a disgraceful manner. A warrant was issued on Monday morning early for the arrest of JOHN REEDINGTON and THOMAS HUSSEY, two men implicated in the robbery, by Justice MADDEN, and, although they have been in the village every day since, no move has been made to arrest them. On the contrary, it has been reported that the matter would be hushed up, and officers who made the arrest were said to have been by the parties. These two men are known to the authorities as dangerous characters; but, on account of the political influence they are supposed to exert, they commonly go unpunished.

The Sunday-school celebration of the Reformed Church, Flushing, came off last evening, at the church. A very fine Christmas tree was the feature of the evening, it reaching nearly to the ceiling. The church was very handsomely decorated and brilliantly lighted. A large number of presents were distributed and some prizes.

NEW-JERSEY.

The report of the Newark Police Commission, which will be read at the meeting of the Common Council to-night, shows the number of arrests made during the past year to have been 4,666. In 1869 the number was 4,096.

A man named HERMAN MILLER committed suicide at Elizabeth, early yesterday morning, by hanging himself to a beam in ARNOLD's comb factory. Deceased was addicted to drinking, and had attempted suicide before, having tried on Monday last to brain himself with an ax. He injured himself severely at the time, but was prevented from killing himself. Coroner GIBBS held an inquest yesterday afternoon. A verdict of suicide by hanging was returned.

A Jewess attempted to air her peculiar opinions at the Union meeting for the week of prayer, at the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, in Newark, Wednesday night. The pastor was obliged to silence her, after she had talked a long time.

The late WM. S. FATOUTE, of Newark, left an estate of $600,000. He left no will, and the property will be divided between his wife and three daughters.

Another Interesting Action Before the Surrogate—Contest in Regard to the Will of William Beard, Deceased—The Circumstances of the Case.

Surrogate HUTCHINGS was occupied in Court, yesterday, with a hearing in the contested will case of WM. BEARD, deceased. The suit is one of some importance, as it involves the disposition of an estate amounting to about $80,000. The deceased resided in Eleventh-street, in this City, and died on the 23d day of July last, aged about sixty years. The circumstances attending his death were somewhat peculiar. Leaving home at an early hour in the morning, his body was found on the same day, floating in the North River. Whether he committed suicide or accidentally fell into the stream is unknown. The latter supposition is believed, however, from the fact that when found the body was supported by two timbers, one on each side. The remains were taken to the Morgue, and afterward identified, although in this connection some delay occurred, the published description indicating that the body was that of a much older man than the deceased. Mr. BEARD left four children to inherit his fortune, three daughters and one son, all of full age. His will, subsequently presented for probate at the Surrogate's office, divided his property between them. The instrument is now contested by the eldest daughter, Mrs. JOSEPH SMITH, on the ground that the mental state of the deceased disqualified him from executing a will. The main reasons for the contest, however, are that the estate is unequally bequeathed, a larger share being devised to the son than is considered just, he having received pecuniary aid from his father during his life-time. The executor of the will is Mr. WM. J. MERRALL, of the firm of ACKER, MERRALL & Co., and a son-in-law of the testator. Considerable testimony in the case has already been taken, but this, together with the evidence of yesterday, relates more particularly to family affairs, and is of more importance to those immediately connected with the matter than of interest to the general public. Messrs. PADDOCK & CANNON appear for the proponents of the will, and JORDAN, HERMANS & MILLER for the contestant, in opposition thereto.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Jan. 4—4½ P. M.—Consols closed at 92¾ for both money and the account. American Securities quiet. United States Five-twenty Bonds, 1862, 88¾; 1865, old, 88¾; 1867, 89¾; Ten-forties, 87¾. Stocks quiet. Erie Railway Shares, 19½; Illinois Central, 112½; Atlantic and Great Western, 39¾.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 4—4½ P. M.—CORN—The market closed dull and irregular. Middling Uplands, 36 @ 36½d.; Middling Orleans, 36½ @ 36¾d. The sales of the day have been 10,000 bales, including 1,000 for export and speculation.

PRODUCE—Spirits Petroleum, 10d. ⅌ gallon.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Calcutta LINSEED OIL, £29 ⅌ ton.

FRANKFORT, Jan. 4.—United States Five-twenty Bonds, 94½ for the old issue of 1862.

LONDON, Jan. 5, 1½ P. M.—Consols, 92½ for money and the account. American Securities—Five-twenties of 1862 opened at 89¾, and declined to 89¼; 1865, old issue, opening at 89¾, and declining to 89¼; 1867, 89¾. Ten-forties, 87¾. Stocks steady: Illinois Central Railway shares, 114½; Erie Railway shares, 19½; Atlantic and Great Western, 39½.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 5—1½ P. M.—COTTON—The market is tending down; Middling Uplands, 36.36½d.; Middling Orleans, 36½d.@36¾d.; estimated sales, 10,000 bales.

BREADSTUFFS—California White Wheat, 11s. 2d.; Red Western, No. 2 to No. 1 New Spring Wheat, 10s. 10d.@10s. 6d.; Winter, 11s.; Western Flour, 28s. 6d.; Corn, 36s.; Mixed, New, 31s. 9d.; Oats, 3s.; Barley, 4s.; Peas, 39s.

PROVISIONS—Pork, 82s. 6d.; Lard, 58s.; Bacon, 57s. for Cumberland Cut, and 51s. for Short Ribbed Middles.

LONDON, Jan. 5—1½ P. M.—TALLOW, 45s. 3d. Hors steady.

MOVILLE, Jan. 5.—Arrived out the steamship Europe, of the Anchor Line.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

BUFFALO, Jan. 5.—FLOUR steady; sales 250 bbls. at $6@$6 50 for Spring, $7 25@$7 75 for White, $7 75@$7 25 for Amber. WHEAT firmly held, but neglected. CORN quiet; sales 12,000 bushels New at 65c. OATS dull; sales of 1,000 bushels of Ohio at 57c. BARLEY nominal. HIGHWINES steady. CORN-MEAL, $1 75 for Rolled; $1 65 for Unbolted, ⅌ cwt. MILL-FEED firm; Shorts, $24; Shipstuffs, $26; Middlings, $27; Middlings, ⅌ ton. HARDWARE—Flour to Boston, 75c.; to New-York, 65c.; to Albany, 50c. Grain and Mill-feed to Boston, $7 50; to New-York, $6 50; to Albany, $5 50, ⅌ ton.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 5.—COTTON dull and unchanged. FLOUR firm: Extra Winter, $4 75; Double Extra, do., $5@$5 50. WHEAT weak; Red Winter, $1 27@$1 30. CORN declining. Mixed, 44c.@44½c. OATS quiet at 36c.@40c. BARLEY dull at 85c.@$1 05 for choice. RYE firmer at 82c. HIGHWINES steady at 88c. PROVISIONS heavy. LARD and BACON unchanged. PROVISIONS quiet. PORK, $18. Bulk Shoulders, 6½c.@7c.; Clear Rib, 9½c.; Clear Sides, 10c.@10¼c. BACON nominal. LARD dull at 11c. HOGS lower; sales at $4 90@$5 05. CATTLE unchanged. RECEIPTS—1,000 bbls. Flour; 8,500 bushels Wheat; 11,000 Hogs.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—COTTON unchanged. FLOUR in improved demand; Superfine, $4 25@$4 75; Extra, $5@$5 25; Spring Wheat, Extra Family, $5@$5 75; Pennsylvania do., $5@$5 50; Indiana and Ohio, $5 50@$7 75; Fancy, $7@$8 50. WHEAT—Prime scarce and higher; Indiana Red, $1 36@$1 38; Ohio, $1 35; Pennsylvania, $1 45; Indiana Amber, $1 55. RYE unchanged. CORN less active; Yellow at 78c.; Mixed, 75c.@77c. OATS sell at 35c.@37c. BARLEY—Small business. PROVISIONS unchanged. WHISKEY quiet and unchanged. WHISKY firm and unchanged.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 5.—FLOUR, Extra Spring, $5 75; sales at $5. WHEAT dull; No. 1 Milwaukee, $1 12½; No. 2 Milwaukee, $1 10¼. OATS firmer at 31c. for No. 2. CORN firmer; No. 2 Milwaukee, $1 16½@$1 16¾. RYE firm at 73c. for No. 1. BARLEY advancing; No. 2 Spring, 75½c. MESS PORK firm at $18 25@$18 50. Dressed HOGS steady at $4 85. RECEIPTS—2,000 bbls. Flour, 24,000 bushels Wheat, 8,000 bushels Corn, 1,000 bushels Oats.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 5.—TOBACCO quiet and unchanged. BACONS quiet at 12c. Clear Corrugated; Middling, 12½c. FLOUR quiet at $5 25. GRAIN very dull. HOGS quiet at $4 25@$4 75 for medium to choice. PROVISIONS firm. Mess PORK, $20. BACON—Shoulders, 10½c.; Ribs, 11½c.; Clear Sides, 12c. Bulk SHOULDERS, 7½c.; Clear Rib, 10c.; Clear Sides, 12½c. LARD, 12c. WHISKY quiet at 87c.

TOLEDO, Jan. 5.—FLOUR steady, with a moderate demand. WHEAT dull and lower; No. 1 Red Wabash, $1 23; No. 2, $1 21. CORN steady, with a moderate demand; High Mixed, 47c.; Low Mixed, 46c. OATS dull and nominal. RECEIPTS—8,000 bushels Wheat, 9,000 bushels Corn, 6,000 bushels Oats.

MEMPHIS, Jan. 5.—COTTON quiet at 14½c.; receipts, 1,268 bales; shipments, 1,268 bales. FLOUR firm. CORN firm at 55c.@60c. OATS heavy at 35c.@37c. LARD dull and unchanged. PORK dull and nominal.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 5.—Spirits TURPENTINE quiet and 1c. lower. Strained RESIN quiet at $1 75. Crude TURPENTINE steady at $1 50@$3. TAR, $1 60. COTTON quiet at 13½c. for Low Middling.

SAVANNAH, Jan. 5.—COTTON in moderate demand; Middling, 14½c.; net receipts, 4,040 bales; exports to Great Britain, 4,375 bales; coastwise, 1,028 bales; sales, 1,200 bales; stock, 89,671 bales.

NEW-ORLEANS, Jan. 5.—COTTON weak; demand fair; Middling, 14½c.@14¾c.; net receipts, 9,902 bales; gross receipts, 11,811 bales; exports to Great Britain, 15,062 bales; sales, 7,400 bales; stock, 223,516 bales.

DETROIT, Jan. 5.—FLOUR quiet and unchanged. WHEAT quiet and unchanged. CORN steady at 46c. OATS steady. BARLEY quiet and unchanged. HOGS steady at 6¾.

MOBILE, Jan. 5.—COTTON quiet, but firm; Middling, 14½c.; net receipts, 3,194 bales; gross, 3,409 bales; exports coastwise, 500 bales; sales, 1,500 bales; stock, 85,280 bales.

GALVESTON, Jan. 5.—COTTON dull and nominal; Middling, 15½c.; net receipts, 1,736 bales; exports coastwise, 30 bales; sales, 750 bales; stock, 8,150 bales.

WILMINGTON, Jan. 5.—COTTON dull and nominal; Middling, 14c.; net receipts, 466 bales; exports, coastwise, 75 bales; sales, 85 bales; stock, 2,605 bales.

NORFOLK, Jan. 5.—COTTON dull; Low Middlings, 14c.; net receipts, 1,731 bales; exports, coastwise, 3,051 bales; sales, 100 bales; stock, 6,461 bales.

BOSTON, Jan. 5.—COTTON quiet; Middling, 15½c.; net receipts, 83 bales; gross, 1,229 bales; sales, 300 bales; stock, 7,000 bales.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 5.—COTTON opened steady, but became quiet; Middling, 14½c.; net receipts, 1,426 bales; sales, 300 bales; stock, 38,403 bales.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 5.—COTTON dull and irregular; Middling, 15½c.@16c.; sales, 425 bales; receipts, 670 bales.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 5.—GRAIN very dull; no sales reported. PETROLEUM quiet and unchanged.

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Passengers Sailed.

JAN. 5—*In steam-ship Parthia, for Liverpool*—Mrs. R. J. Carpenter, E. W. Burton, H. J. Jones, G. S. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. J. Goodchild, Nicola Ancarata, J. Calle, F. A. Babcock, Mr. Norton, Mr. Winter.

JAN. 5—*In steam-ship Scandia, for Liverpool*—D. Chaney, C. C. Taylor, I. Carmichael, Miss S. L. Taylor, S. Furnival, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Taylor and infant.

Passengers Arrived.

JAN. 5—*In steam-ship Wisconsin, from Liverpool*—Mr. and Mrs. Caswell and 3 children, Miss Blodge, W. S. Turner, W. H. Badeau.

JAN. 5—*In steam-ship Cambria, from Hamburg*—A. H. Brabe, Louis Brabe, A. Blum, H. Hiese, F. P. Lehlbach, A. Trainer, L. Brunswig, A. Marcuse, Simon Wolfson, Mrs. Wolfson, Mr. Richarch & Co. gal. 8, Hamburger, Carl Hammer, wife and 2 children, Emile Rohn and 4 children, Gertrude Hohenstiel and child, Therese Jung, A. Strauh, Bertha Schmidt, Leop. Lamb, Caspar Kohler, wife and 4 children.

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